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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, BOSTON

DATE: AUGUST 26, 1965

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (62-0)

SUBJECT: AMERICAN OPINION  
BELMONT, MASSACHUSETTS  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Rv letter dated July 30, 1965,

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[redacted] forwarded to the Hartford, Conn., Resident Agency, a post card that contained a group photograph entitled "A Training School For Communists". On the back of the card which had been addressed to [redacted] were identifications of four persons sitting in the front of the photograph. The card apparently had been prepared by "American Opinion, Belmont, Massachusetts, but the sender gave the following address: "TA. C.T., Box 1892, Hartford, Connecticut", and the card was postmarked July 22, 1965, Hartford, Connecticut.

The card stated that the picture had been made at Highlander Folk School during the Labor Day weekend of 1957, and identified the four persons in front as follows:

1. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., adding that the association was not unusual for Dr. KING, "who belongs to several important Communist front organizations, and who regularly employs or affiliates with known Communists".

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2. [redacted] of the Central Committee of the CP.

3. [redacted] of the Communist front, the Southern Conference Education Fund.

4. [redacted] of the Highlander Folk School, "(for Communist Training)", Monteagle, Tennessee. This school was later abolished by an act of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee.

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[redacted] who is the wife of a Negro [redacted]  
[redacted] advised that she could not understand why the card was sent to her and her husband.

[redacted] U.S. Post Office.  
Hartford, Conn., advised on Aug. 13, 1965, that [redacted]  
was assigned to [redacted] in July 1965, but is now closed. He added that TACT means TRUTH ABOUT CIVIL TURMOIL COMMITTEE, according to the application filed with the Post Office. The name [redacted]  
[redacted] is carried in the Hartford City Directory at the above address. The New Haven Indices were negative regarding [redacted]

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The "Hartford, Connecticut Times", carried an article on Aug. 13, 1965, indicating that members of the Connecticut Council of Churches are compiling information in an effort to identify the senders of cards being distributed by American Opinion of Belmont, Mass., "the publishing house of the John Birch Society". Many clergymen have received cards similar to that described above from various post office boxes bearing the letters TACT.

The above information is being furnished to the Boston Office for information purposes only. The New Haven Office contemplates no further action.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

# Birchers Try New Tactics

By BOB CREAMER

The once-harmless postcard, a handy thing for tourists and kids away at camp, has become a major weapon of the John Birch Society's war on the Civil Rights movement.

The Birch cards are really different. They allege founded the American Civil Rights Movement:

They cost a nickel, without a stamp.

And they don't bear photos of local landmarks. They're not even funny like some of the cards in color.

One Birch card shows Dr. Martin Luther King at the Highlander Folk School in Tennessee.

The other card bears an unflattering sketch and biography of a dead Hungarian Joseph Fogany, who, Birchers

Both cards are reportedly flooding the nation and they sell 20 for \$1 out of Birch headquarters in Belmont.

A lot of people getting these cards don't know who's sending them because they aren't signed.

But the message is clear beyond all doubt because Robert Welch wrote in July that his secret society is going all

out for "exposure of the fraud known as "civil rights."

Mrs. Bedonna B. Ashapa of 400 North Main St., Raynham, a Taunton high school teacher,

got one of the cards the other day.

She said it didn't bother her too much because she knew it came from a Bircher.

"But I was with a group of 15 other teachers the other night and 12 of them said they got cards, too. And some had no idea where they come from."

School teachers reportedly are a main target in the postcard campaign.

The card about Dr. King, which has been much-publicized, is an obvious attempt to link the leadership of the civil rights movement to Commie

King has said he was at the

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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BOSTON GLOBE  
Boston, Mass.

BOSTON HERALD  
Boston, Mass.

BOSTON TRAVELER  
Boston, Mass.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR  
Boston, Mass.  
RECORD AMERICAN  
Boston, Mass.

Date: 8-27-65  
Edition: 5 Star Final  
Author: Bob Creamer  
Editor: David J Farrell  
Title: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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~~Communist~~ school briefly on the Labor Day weekend of 1957.

The Birch card, in describing King and three other men in the photo, says "The association indicated here is not unusual for Dr. King, who belongs to several important Communist front organizations, and who regularly employs or affiliates with known Communists."

A headline over the photo alleges: "A Training School For Communists."

In the late 1950s, the U. S. Attorney General's office declared that the school was not Communist.

The photo and wording on the other Birch card are probably not familiar to most Americans, except Birchers.

It says Pogany came to the U.S. in 1922 "as Moscow's agent to take charge of the American Communists and that later he issued a pamphlet, American Negro Problems, "through which he and his boss, Stalin, established the long-range com-

unist program for fomenting and using a Negro Revolutionary Movement."

"There is also nothing being written, preached, or done, under the 'civil rights' slogan today, which is not in accordance with the planning and instructions laid down by this alien Communist nearly 40 years ago.

"If enough of the good, patriotic, and idealistic Americans, who now constitute at least 90 per cent of the 'civil rights' movement, could be brought to realize the evil forces and evil purposes behind this pretense of humanitarianism, the whole horrible fraud would fall to pieces in three months," the card concludes.

Along with the ~~card~~, Welch has called for nationwide formation of hundreds of "Truth About Civil Turmoil" (TACT) committees "... for the specific purpose of telling the truth about the civil turmoil which is now being made so unusual and unhappy ~~a part of~~ the whole American scene."



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On August 29 1965 [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that the Poor People's Conference met in Cathedral House, 24 Rector Street, Newark, New Jersey, on August 28, 1965. A general assembly began about 10:00 a.m. and lasted until 2:00 p.m.

Those in attendance spent this time getting acquainted, listening to welcoming speeches and making plans for the day. [redacted] estimated that about 300 people were in attendance from all over the United States. The condition of the poor in the United States occupied only a small part of a much wider range of questions considered. For example, President of the United States, Lyndon B. Johnson, was severely criticized all through the conference, particularly for the United States military effort in Vietnam.

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Lunch began at 2:00 p.m. followed by workshops in the afternoon. These workshops, about ten in number, according to [redacted] each dealt with a specific question; such as, politics, housing, police brutality, Vietnam, "freedom schools", and poverty. It appeared that most of the Negroes present attended the workshop dealing with police brutality, although there were two Negroes attending the workshop on Vietnam. The entire Vietnam workshop consisted of these two Negroes, plus about 25 whites of whom three were females and the rest males.

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[redacted] said the main speaker for the Vietnam workshop was a white male named [redacted] (phonetic)

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    1 - 100- (NY DU BOIS CLUB)  
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    1 - 100- [REDACTED]  
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or [redacted] (phonetic) from New York, who was described as being a member of a DuBois Club.

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A characterization of the W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America appears in the appendix attached.

[redacted] said that most people in the Vietnam workshop agreed that stopping trains transporting troops to Vietnam and tearing up draft cards is necessary, but something like a big national movement must be formed to make the opposition to United States policy in Vietnam effective.

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[redacted] gathered from the conversations of those present that many had already torn up their draft cards. At the beginning of the Vietnam workshop everyone was talking about their intention to refuse to do military service in Vietnam, and gradually, one by one, several admitted having destroyed their draft cards.

One speaker spoke of a poll taken recently as reported in a communist paper, which stated that 50 per cent of the American people do not want war, but only about 25 per cent will not go to war. The speaker said that he and most Americans want a Viet Cong victory in Vietnam. He also said the problem today is how to make people not go to war. It was said the American cinema, news media, educational system, and so forth, all have the American public hating the Communist Party (CP), yet the CP is so split internally it can never organize on any one point and is, therefore, no threat.

It was feared that "segregationists", mistakenly invited to the conference, would cause trouble. A few from Boston (names not known to [redacted]) arrived for the conference on the evening of August 27, 1965. They attended a film showing that very evening and indicated their disagreement with the "socialist" theme of the film, but their disagreement caused no disruptions.

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[redacted] said a near disruption occurred on the morning of August 28, 1965, when an unidentified Negro male got to the microphone and began speaking about the need for self-help among Negroes. He said that improvement of the Negro must begin with each individual helping himself. His

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She said [redacted] from the NCUP attended the conference. He was accompanied by other NCUP members, including one [redacted] who recently had been in Philadelphia, [redacted]

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A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 27, 1964, that several days previously Carl Wittman had stated that he was planning to hold a seminar on Marxism in the spring of 1964 at Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania. Wittman felt he was competent to lead the seminar. Wittman identified himself with the orthodox pro-Soviet position as regards Marxism and stated he is from the background and tradition of old line Marxists. Wittman stated that he was respectful of the thinking of Lenin during his generation and of Mao Tse Tung in the present generation.

[redacted] also mentioned that [redacted] was accompanied by a woman said to be his aunt, who exhibited a hatred of police authority in the United States and who commented angrily on police brutality.

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Comments overheard by [redacted] indicated that [redacted] and several others from the NCUP attended the London School of Economics, not further described.

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On August 30, 1965, [redacted] advised that the Poor People's Conference, Newark, New Jersey, began on August 29, 1965, with general attendance at church, followed by a film on the anti-poverty projects in Newark, N.J. The film was done by a person named Norman Fructer from New York. Fructer has apparently made several films of various projects about the country. Someone said he travels to projects all over the country, and he also publishes a very "radical" paper, not further described.

Following the film there was more discussion about uniting all future conferences like this one under one name, but no name was agreed upon. A discussion was held about sending two people from each "project" in various cities to an "ERAP" conference. Someone was heard to say that "ERAP" members attending this conference had a closed meeting on the morning of August 29 to discuss plans for a future conference of their own.

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opinions were so unacceptable to those present that they asked him to step down. When he refused, several from the audience converged on him and forced the microphone from him. Upon leaving the speaker's location, he circulated among the audience expounding his ideas. Later, several of the men present cornered him in a hall and threatened him if he did not stop his talking.

[redacted] said the conference voted to establish for future conferences one national name so when they hold demonstrations they will be more effective. Many present spoke of a demonstration in two or three weeks in Washington, D.C. by 500 to 1,000 people from Mississippi, members of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP), who will converge on Washington in an effort to unseat the Mississippi delegates to Congress. In general, there was a feeling that if the MFDP did not get what it wants this time, they would cause "trouble" in Washington. Some said President Johnson is trying to adjourn Congress before the MFDP people arrive. [redacted] said she was very surprised to see so much hatred for President Johnson exhibited by those attending the conference. She said the MFDP people plan to see President Johnson when they are in Washington. She said many present also expressed a strong fear of the John Birch Society, and they described members of the Birch Society as being "kooks" and people with mental blocks.

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[redacted] said a demonstration march was held, beginning about 5:15 p.m., August 28, 1965. The march left the Cathedral House, Newark, and moved south on Broad Street through the heart of Newark to Lincoln Park where speeches were made. After the speeches the march returned to Cathedral House via Broad Street. [redacted] said many placards were carried, but the ones she saw seemed to deal only with anti-poverty slogans. The conference broke up for supper immediately after the march. Later in the evening, a party was held at the offices of the Newark Community Union Project (NCUP), Newark, New Jersey.

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[redacted] was of the opinion that the conference was sympathetic to the CP and promoted the CP line. She said some people at the conference recommended that she read "The Worker".

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"The Worker" is an east coast communist newspaper.

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NK T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 28, 1965, that the Poor People's Conference was underway in Newark, New Jersey, and most of those attending looked like "beatniks". NK T-2 said he observed [redacted] in attendance; also, another person named [redacted]

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On December 15, 1964. [redacted]

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self-admitted members of the Newark, New Jersey Branch of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), advised that [redacted] was known to them as a member of the Newark Branch, SWP, from July, 1963, to October, 1963.

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A characterization of the Newark Branch, SWP, appears in the appendix attached.

NK T-3, who had furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 16, 1964, that [redacted] was considered a member of the W. E. B. Du Bois Club of New Jersey.

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A characterization of the W. E. B. Du Bois Club of New Jersey appears in the appendix attached.

NK T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 23, 1965, that Gil Green, in New York City, inquired when the conference of the Poor, not otherwise described, would be held and what was expected to be there. He was told the conference would open Saturday morning (presumably August 28, 1965) and it would be a meeting mostly of community people -- the poor -- from as far south as Mississippi and as far west as California. They would come from a number of Students For A Democratic Society projects and a couple of Student Non-Violent Co-ordinating Committee projects. When asked if visitors would be permitted, Green was told that as far as was known the policy was to limit the number of those who were not "authentic community people".

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NK T-5, who has furnished reliable information in  
the past advised on April 20, 1964, that [redacted]  
was elected to the Secretariat of the CP, USA, on  
April 5, 1964.

On August 28, 1965, NK T-6, who has furnished  
reliable information in the past, advised that four civil  
rights workers from Mississippi had arrived in Newark,  
New Jersey, on August 27, 1965, to attend the Poor People's  
Conference.

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**SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY  
NEWARK BRANCH**

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A source advised on October 14, 1960, that the Newark Branch of the SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY (SWP) was founded in 1938.

Another source advised on May 13, 1965, that the Newark Branch of the SWP is affiliated with and follows the aims and purposes of the National SWP.

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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA

A source advised on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates to this meeting were cautioned against the germ of anti-Soviet and anti-CP ideologies. These delegates were also told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second conference of over 20 persons met in Chicago on December 28-29, 1963, for the purpose of initiating a "call" to the new youth organization and planning for a founding convention to be held in June, 1964.

A second source has advised that the Founding Convention for the new youth organization was held during the period of June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. Du Bois Clubs of America was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention. The aims of this organization, as set forth in the preamble to the constitution, are: "It is our belief that this nation can best solve its problems in an atmosphere of peaceful co-existence, complete disarmament and true freedom for all peoples of the world, and that these solutions will be reached mainly through the united efforts of all democratic elements in our country, composed essentially of the working people allied in the unity of Negroes and other minorities with whites. We further fully recognize that the greatest threat to American democracy comes from the racist and right wing forces in coalition with the most reactionary sections of the economic power structure, using the tool of anti-communism to divide and destroy the unified struggle of the working people. As young people in the forces struggling for democracy, we shall actively strive to defeat these reactionary and neo-fascist elements and to achieve complete freedom and democracy for all Americans, thus enabling each individual to freely choose and build the society he would wish to live in. Through these struggles we feel the American people will realize the viability of the socialist alternatives."

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The constitution further states this new organization shall be a membership organization open to individuals or, if five or more people so desire, a chapter can be formed which shall in turn be guided by the policies and principles of the parent organization.

The second source advised in April, 1965, the headquarters of the organization continues to be located at 1953 ½ Mc Allister Street, San Francisco, California.

Both sources have advised that at the Founding Convention two officers were elected: Philip Chapin Davis - President; Carl Ellenger Bloice - Publications Chairman.

A third source advised on October 26, 1962, Philip Davis attended a CP recruiting class held at 1579 Scenic Avenue, Berkeley, California.

A fourth source advised that Carl Bloice, reporter for the "People's World," was, on April 3, 1964, elected to the newly organized San Francisco County Committee of the CP.

The "People's World" is a west coast communist newspaper published weekly in San Francisco, California.

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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUB OF NEW JERSEY

A source on April 15, 1965, furnished a copy of the by-laws of the W.E.B. Du Bois Club of New Jersey. These by-laws state in part as follows:

"All members of the W.E.B. Du Bois Club of N.J. are members of the W.E.B. Du Bois Clubs of America, of which the W.E.B. Du Bois Club of N.J. is a charter chapter."

The same source advised on May 18, 1965, that headquarters of the W.E.B. Du Bois Club of New Jersey is located at 152 Clinton Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, and uses Box 121, Newark, New Jersey, as a mailing address.

A characterization of the W.E.B. Du Bois Clubs of America appears in the appendix hereto.

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**RE: Newark teletype 8/29/65 and Newark LHM, 8/28/65.**

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- 3 - Jackson (100-509) (Enc. 3) (RM)
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  - or [redacted] /PH/
  - 1 - 100- (NY DU BOIS CLUB)
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  - 1 - 100- [redacted]
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- 6 - Newark
  - 1 - 100-47808 [redacted]
  - 1 - 100-48095 [redacted]
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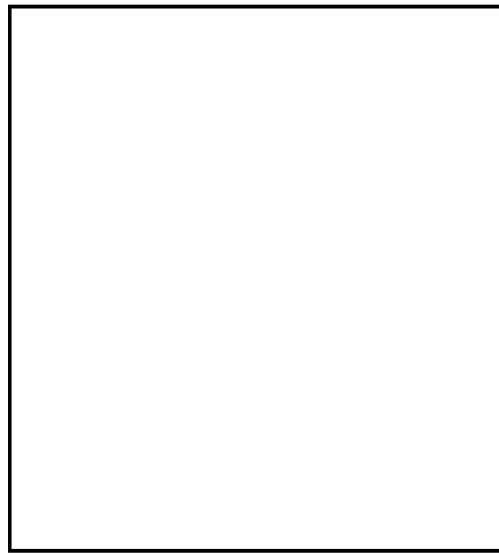
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Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a LHM concerning SDS sponsored Poor People's Conference, Newark, N.J., 8/27-29/65.

Sources used in LHM are as follows:

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LHM classified confidential because data reported by NK T-2 through NK T-6 could result in the identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise their future effectiveness.

[redacted] mentioned in LHM, may be the wife of [redacted]. Several months ago, she was working in Mississippi with civil rights groups. A copy of this LHM is, therefore, furnished to Jackson.

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Newark's files contain no references identifiable to [redacted] Newark LHM, 8/12/65, captioned as above regarding Poor People's Conference at Newark. Listed one [redacted]

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[redacted] consequently Chicago as well as WFO has a copy designated for [redacted]

One copy each of the LHM furnished Secret Service, Newark, and 108th INTC Group, Newark.

Newark has no characterizations for individuals, publications, or organizations mentioned in LHM which are not characterized.

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Newark will reinterview [redacted] in an effort to obtain more specific details concerning destruction of draft cards. If more specific information is available, appropriate investigation will be conducted under the Selective Service Act, 1948.

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Attached for your information is a postcard, post-marked Philadelphia, Pa., which was sent to [redacted]

[redacted] This postcard solicits \$1.00 for "It's Very Simple" by STANG, and requests the addressee to write to American Opinion, Belmont, Mass., 02178.

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1 - Philadelphia (100-45661)

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TO : SAC, BOSTON

DATE: 10/13/65

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (100-2797)

SUBJECT: HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL

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Enclosed herewith for Boston is a postcard entitled "A Training School for Communists". This postcard was received by a resident in the San Diego area and reflects the name of the American Opinion, Belmont, Massachusetts 02178. This is being furnished to Boston at this time for informational purposes.

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November 10, 1965

Mr. John Noonan  
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470 Atlantic Avenue  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear John:

The latest telephone number to be added to the growing list of "Let Freedom Ring" telephones in this area has been established at Gloucester, Mass. The telephone number being used is 283-5043 and the voice is that of

[redacted] in  
avowed member of The John Birch Society.

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Sincerely,

*[Signature]*  
Isadore Zack

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, BOSTON

DATE: 12/10/65

FROM : *ppj* ✓ SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-45661)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
IS 157-355-4

On 11/30/65 Chief of Police LEE WALSH (NA) Lehighton, Pa.. advised SA [redacted] that a [redacted]

telephone [redacted] recently contracted with a local printer, Xanders Printery, owned by [redacted] [redacted] for several thousand copies of the enclosed pamphlet. Chief WALSH advised that [redacted] informed that [redacted] was concerned with the fact that [redacted] may not wish to print such material, and she desired to rent or purchase a printing press or mimeograph machine. [redacted] advised Chief WALSH that he was going to sell [redacted] andold mimeograph machine which he no longer needed for his business.

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A review of the enclosed pamphlet indicates that it is anti-United Nations and is apparently a reprint of material printed by "The Fearful Master by G. EDWARD GRIFFIN," Western Islands, 395 Concord Avenue, Belmont, Mass., 02178.

Philadelphia indices contain no identifiable references to [redacted]. This pamphlet and above information is being furnished to the Boston Office for its evaluation.

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TO : SAC (100-32899)

DATE: 12/13/65

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
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On 12/6/65 Reverend [redacted]

[redacted] advised as follows:

[redacted] who is self employed in the Electrical Transmission and Distribution Equipment Business at the same address is apparently a member of or closely associated with the John Birch Society. Reverend [redacted] basis this conclusion on the fact that [redacted] recently appeared at his home and invited [redacted] to attend a film showing which featured the history, aims and purposes of the John Birch Society. In connection with this invitation [redacted] appeared at the home of Reverend [redacted] and gave the latter a \$200.00 check payable to [redacted] of the [redacted] Church. Inasmuch as there has never been any close relationship between [redacted] and since this was the first time that [redacted] ever visited [redacted] home, [redacted] is convinced that the \$200.00 check was in consideration for his attending the film showing and a prelude to a possible request for [redacted] to join the John Birch Society.

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Reverend [redacted] wanted to call the attention of the FBI to this possible method of recruitment on the part of John Birch Society.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 2/17/66

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (62-1626) (C)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

DATE: February 15, 16, 1966

AT: Springfield, Illinois

NAME: [redacted]

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Re SAC letter 59-13, dated 3/10/59.

On 2/15/66 [redacted]

[redacted] telephonically advised that she had received in the mail a postcard which she thought the FBI should know about. She stated that this card had a picture of MARTIN LUTHER KING with some other people, with a statement at the top of this postcard "A training school for Communists." This card was mailed from Springfield, Illinois, and the return address was the American Opinion, Belmont, Massachusetts. On this card was a hand printed note which read, "Call 525-1717."

A few minutes after the above telephone call was received. [redacted]

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[redacted] furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that if you call 525-1717, you will hear a recording which defames MARTIN LUTHER KING and calls him a Communist. [redacted] advised that something should be done about stopping this recording, and that he was going to call the telephone company and make a complaint.

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2 - Atlanta (100-5586) (Enc. 2) (RM)

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[redacted] a liaison source of the Springfield office, furnished SA FRANK B. BUELL a copy of the above-mentioned postcard. He stated this is causing some concern among members of the Negro race in Springfield, and wanted to bring this card to the attention of the authorities in an effort to get it stopped. He said the postcard need not be returned. He said this matter of sending out the postcard, and of the telephone recording will be obviously discussed at the next meeting of the NAACP.

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On 2/16/66, [redacted] appeared at the Springfield office and furnished the above-mentioned postcard, and stated that it need not be returned to him.

SA WILLIAM C. RITT determined from the telephone company that telephone number 525-1717 is registered in the name of [redacted]  
[redacted]

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On 11/10/65, one [redacted] appeared at the Springfield Office of the FBI and introduced himself as the coordinator of the JOHN BIRCH Society. He advised he resides at [redacted]  
[redacted] and that he [redacted]

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## The John Birch Society—1966

### STRENGTH, GROWTH AND THRUST

The middle of 1964 to the present has been a period of continued growth and expansion for the American Radical Right in general and for the John Birch Society in particular. In the seven years since it was founded at Indianapolis early in December, 1958, the Birch Society has emerged as the spearhead of the Radical Right. It is the only group on the Far Right which is permanently organized all across the country at the grass-roots level. It alone plans now to spend a million dollars a month.

Among the major organizations of the Radical Right, only the John Birch Society has a nationwide paid staff of organizers and public relations men, a membership active and activated, a permanent recruiting program, a tightly controlled and generally efficient centralized direction, and a financial income which enables it to continue to expand its nationwide organizational structure.

Starting from scratch at the beginning of 1959, the Society has grown to a membership of about 80,000 in some 5,000 chapters across the country, and at the end of 1965, was pushing toward the 100,000 mark. Since 1963 its membership has almost doubled; its cash income more than quadrupled.

The 80,000 membership, directed by Founder Robert Welch from the Belmont, Mass., headquarters of the Society, just about equals the membership of the Communist Party when the Communists were at the peak of their strength in the United States in 1944. The Society is, in fact, a movement and a propaganda and recruitment "apparatus" on the Far Right that is comparable to the Communist "apparatus" on the Far Left in the 1930s and 1940s. The earlier movement of the Radical Left preached Communism while today's Birch Society, on the Radical Right, claims to preach anti-Communism. But in terms of organizational concept, structure, and tactics, the similarities between the two operations often appear more persuasive than the differences.

### Infiltration Tactics

The Birchers, like the Communists of 20 and 30 years ago, are burrowing their way into the fabric and the grass-roots of American life and it is already clear that it will take a major effort by responsible forces to root them out.

The overwhelming majority of Birch members still conceal their membership in the Society.

The Birch Society today has spawned scores of front groups, formed to lure unsuspecting Americans into the Birch orbit and to ripen them up for eventual recruitment into the Society by enlisting their support for limited and high-sounding causes with whose slogans, at least, few would disagree.

The Birchers have already infiltrated the American political party structure and in some areas have secured footholds at the precinct level and a measurable degree of influence in various arms of the political party apparatus.

Like the Communists, the Birchers have been establishing local book stores all across the country which serve as distribution centers for Birchite and other Radical Right propaganda, as gathering places for Radical Rightists, and as focal points for Birchite activity, much as Communist bookstores in the 1930s and 1940s served a similar function.

The Birchers have available a large stable of speakers, ready, willing and able to travel anywhere in the country to address local meetings, sponsored not only by Birch groups, but by local civic, political and service organizations as well.

Like the Communists, the Birchers have set up their own publishing house and are not only pumping their own books and pamphlets into the nation's ideological bloodstream, but are reprinting the propaganda of like-minded Radical Rightists for wholesale distribution to their own network of bookstores and to bookstores operated by other Far Rightists as well.

### Cell Structure

The Birchers are organized into small units designed to operate as isolated islands, impervious to penetration by outsiders. The Communists called these units "cells"; the Birchers call them chapters.

The Birch membership is supervised and directed by paid professional organizers, set up on an area, state and local basis. These professionals were called "organizers" by the Communists; the Birchers call them "coordinators."

Like the Communists, the Birchers get their official "line" from a central headquarters. The Communists got their "line" from Moscow, via National Party headquarters; the Birchers get their line from Founder Welch via Birch headquarters in Belmont.

Like the Communists, the Birchers brook no deviation from the "line." The Communists expelled deviationists; the Birchers do the same, careful as always to refund pre-paid dues on a pro-rata basis.

(Bircher applicants abjectly fill out a membership form that is a resignation signed in advance, agreeing when they join that the Society can drop them at any time and without any necessary explanation for doing so.)

Like the Communists, Birchers are urged to take an active role in political and community organizations. For instance, Robert Welch, in 1960, urged his followers to join their local PTAs at the start of the school year, to get their "conservative friends to do likewise," and to "go to work" to take the PTAs over.

## An Ideological Cadre

The Birchers seek to accomplish their purposes by enlisting the support of a dedicated, zealous, disciplined and thoroughly indoctrinated ideological cadre of workers—distinctly a minority in their areas of operation, whether local, regional or national.

The Birch Society is not designed to mobilize anything close to a majority of the American national population. Like Lenin, Robert Welch of the John Birch Society believes that a dedicated minority, which knows what it wants, can move mountains.

The Birchers' target is the American mind. Like the Communists, their aim is to change—and eventually to control—American political thinking. Their ultimate goal is political influence and political power.

The Communists of two and three decades ago pointed to the growing and—to them—extremist activities of Big Capital. According to the Communists, Capitalism, then in its "last stages," was evolving into fascism and imperialism. In the same spirit, Robert Welch analyzed, in mid-1965, the development of the forces against which he has allegedly aligned his Society:

"(1) The Communist conspiratorial apparatus is now closing in, with every conceivable pressure and deception, on all remaining resistance to the establishment of its police state over our country; (2) the only existing force that has any possible chance of preventing the completion of these Communist plans is The John Birch Society; (3) we have no chance of stopping and reversing the long patient progress of this conspiracy except—exactly as stated in the Blue Book six years ago—by measures which are *fantastic* enough to be *realistic* in proportion to the danger . . ."

"Fantastic" measures—some of them admitted by Welch to be "mean and dirty"—have become the trademark of Birch Society activity. And the wheels now are spinning. The active search for new members, after an initial policy of quiet recruitment, has been pushed with increasingly high pressure since 1963. All during which time the Birchers have worked to clean up their public image while Welch engaged in some hard-headed planning for future political influence.

## Membership

The membership "explosion" that has vastly increased Birch membership rolls since the 1964 national political conventions was the result of many factors. Most of them were related to the Presidential election campaign in which Birchers and other such extremists were active, welcomed, defended and, to a certain extent, triumphant. At the Republican convention, the Birch Society covered itself with a kind of respectability. Birchers misused the campaign as a vehicle to spread their own political propaganda and to recruit new members.

Many Americans were swept into the Birch ranks on the

emotional tide of the campaign period. Many others joined after Election Day, when the frustration of defeat made them ripe for recruitment and when the Birch Society's post-election appeal to this group was summed up in the simple slogan: "Now Will You Join The John Birch Society?"

From August through December, 1964, the Society set new membership records and early in 1965, the growth was described by a jubilant Welch as having been of "geometric" proportions.

In 1965 membership growth continued, even though other factors were at work. For example:

- Many who joined during the exciting days of the 1964 campaign found the Society demanded too much of their time, energy and dedication. They either drifted away or were dropped from membership by the Society itself, for like the Communists, the Birch Society does not tolerate "dead wood" for long.

- Some of the 1964 recruits—especially Goldwater enthusiasts frustrated by the defeat of their champion—found the Society too radical for their basically conservative viewpoints. They walked away along with still others who found it too "moderate" or too "educational."

Those who remained faithful to Welch's leadership as 1965 turned to 1966 were, for the most part, the zealous, the dedicated, and the indoctrinated—eager to carry out the monthly instructions sent to them by Welch from the Society's headquarters in Massachusetts.

## The California Reports

The Birch Society continues to distribute (in packets designed for the indoctrination of prospective members) the report of a 1963 investigation by the California Senate Fact-Finding Subcommittee on Un-American Activities. It found the organization to be neither secret, subversive nor anti-Semitic. Apparently because of the wide circulation of this 1963 report by the Birch Society, a second report was issued by the same committee in 1965. For understandable reasons, it has been ignored by the Birch Society.

The more recent report found that Robert Welch's organization "has attracted a lunatic fringe that is now assuming serious proportions" and has been "beset by an influx of emotionally unstable people, some of whom have been prosecuted in the courts for their hoodlum tactics in disrupting meetings, and heckling speakers with whom they disagree."

The committee's 1965 report concluded:

"We are more critical of the Society now than we were then for the reason that it has, in our opinion, merited such criticism by reason of its activities exemplified by the irresponsible articles by a member of its National Council, the re-publication of "The Politician," the inexcusable actions of its minority of irresponsible members, and a dangerous increase of anti-Semitism among a minority of its membership."

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# FACTS

The members of the Birch Society are believers in the "conspiracy theory" of history and in *absolute political truth* which they alone claim to possess. It is through the Conspiracy Theory of recent American history that fear is aroused — fear, the essential ingredient of extremist strength. The operating premise of the John Birch Society, like that of the Communists, is that over all of our lives and over all the events of our time, there rules a powerful and protected Establishment, perpetuated by a secret conspiracy of vast dimensions. To the Birchers it is Communism — by which they mean the "establishment" of the last thirty years, including the American Government, whether controlled by Re-

publicans or Democrats, whether directed by liberals or conservatives.

To each extreme, whether of the Far Left or the Far Right — to each "out" the other is "in."

The John Birch Society has grown in direct proportion to the growth which its Founder sees in the power and influence of "the enemy." Welch has said his organization's chances of success in saving the country increased from 1 in 10 in 1958 to 1 in 4 today. Yet, paradoxically, he and his Society claim that in the same period, "Communist influence and control" in the United States increased from 20-40% in 1958 to 60-80% today.

# The War Against Civil Rights

The major development in the John Birch Society's centrally-directed program during 1965 was the launching of an all-out drive against the civil rights movement.

The assault started in May, with the publication of a pamphlet by Welch himself which laid down the ideological line. Five hundred thousand copies of a 16-page document called *Two Revolutions At Once* were distributed to the Birch army across the country — 100 copies to every Birch Society cell.

In mobilizing his troops, Welch made it crystal-clear that the campaign upon which they were embarking was the single most important undertaking of the John Birch Society in its entire seven-year history.

"Fully expose the 'civil rights' fraud," said Welch in May, 1965, "and you will break the back of the Communist conspiracy."

In *Two Revolutions At Once*, Welch set forth his view that the Negro civil rights movement in America was part of a world-wide, Communist-dominated, anti-colonialism revolution that used the slogans of freedom, independence and self-determination. At the same time, he said, it was part of the Communist-led revolutionary movement against capitalism in the United States itself.

In his analysis, Welch likened the Negro rights movement in the United States to various "national liberation fronts" in Asia and Africa which in his view have been sparked by Communist terror tactics. He claimed that Algeria's "murderous guerilla band . . . given the high-sounding title of the 'Federation of National Liberation' — or FLN" was merely "a preview of what the NRM — the Negro Revolutionary Movement — will do to the people of the South."

## Old Communist Booklets

The relationship between the allegedly Communist-led national liberation movements abroad and the Negro Revolutionary Movement in the United States was revealed, Welch said, in a booklet published by the American Communists in 1928. Called *American Negro Problems*, it referred to the Southern Negroes as "virtually a colony within the body of the United States of America," and called for the establishment of a "Negro Soviet Republic" in the South.

In fact, this 37-year-old Red propaganda line was repudiated by the Communist Party's 1959 convention — because it had already died in the Red failure to win the American Negro to the Communist cause.

The Birch Society, nevertheless, continues to distribute thousands of copies of the 1928 Communist booklet to support its theme — that the efforts for civil rights equality and for racial desegregation are Communist-inspired and subversive.

Another Red booklet — published in 1935 and entitled *Negroes in a Soviet America* — is also being distributed by the Birch Society. It was originally reprinted by the National Economic Council under its late founder, Merwin K. Hart, a well-known American anti-Semite. Before his death a few years ago, Hart was the leader of Birch Society Chapter 26 in New York; his publications were recommended by Welch to Birch Society members in its early days.

In the June *Bulletin*, Welch said:

"Our task must be simply to make clear that the move-

ment known as 'civil rights' is Communist-plotted, Communist-controlled, and in fact . . . serves only Communist purposes. So let's keep our activities and efforts concentrated on this central undertaking."

He added:

"Make yourself as much of an authority on the whole 'civil rights' segment of the total conspiracy as you can . . . We are asking for, and counting on, a very heavy concentration of effort by our total membership during the next few months, to support our belief that the *Civil Rights Drive* and the parallel *Negro Revolutionary Movement* constitute the most vulnerable point for attack . . ."

## Ideological Weapons

There were many weapons which Welch mobilized for the ideological warfare against the civil rights movement to which he had committed his propaganda army. For example, there were published materials. One was a book published by the Birchers' own Western Islands Company. It was written by Alan Stang of the Birch stable of writers, was called *It's Very Simple*, and was essentially a popularized version of the Welch ideology on the Communist character of the civil rights movement. The book had an initial printing of 100,000 copies and sold out in the first few weeks. An additional 200,000 were printed soon thereafter, and more were on order as 1965 drew to a close.

Stang wrote that America's race problem and the effort of the civil rights movement to end it were both planned by the Communists, built up by the Communists and, most important, conducted by the Communists. Describing the Negro movement as a "social revolution" aimed at destroying capitalism, and the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as a major step toward a Washington dictatorship, Stang concluded his polemic by declaring:

"I accuse the Rev. Dr. (Martin Luther) King of being in effect one of the country's most influential workers for Communism *against* the Negroes . . . I accuse President Kennedy and President Johnson of knowing this but nevertheless, not only closing their eyes to it, but lending a hand . . . I therefore accuse them of having betrayed their oath of office."

There were also printed flyers (suitable for use as full-page newspaper ads) asking "What's Wrong With Civil Rights?", followed by: "The answer is, nothing! But there is a great deal wrong with what is being done today in the name of civil rights."

Birch ads declared that the Negroes' problem was exaggerated, that the civil rights movement was not simply "infiltrated" by Communists, but actually "created" by them. Birch postal cards were distributed. One showed Martin Luther King at the Highlander Folk School, in Tennessee, which the Birchers and Radical Rightists have branded as a Communist training school. (King appeared there briefly on Labor Day weekend, 1957, to make a speech.)

Another postcard pictured a man identified by the Birchers as the founder of the civil rights movement. They described him as a Hungarian Communist who used such names as Joseph Pogany, John Schwartz, Joseph Lang and John Pepper. They said he arrived in the United States in 1922 and in 1928 wrote the pamphlet, *American Negro*

*Problems*, which laid down the ~~Requirements~~ for establishment of the Negro Revolutionary Movement. Aside from the dubious Welchian history, the drawing of Pogany-Schwartz-Lang-Pepper was reminiscent of some of the viciously anti-Jewish caricatures that appeared in *Der Stuermer* during the Nazi era in Germany and of similar caricatures that have been circulated in anti-Semitic ideological circles in the United States.

These recent materials were added to the arsenal of anti-civil rights propaganda which the Birch Society had been using for some time. Its "Civil Rights Packet" already included *Color, Communism and Common Sense* by the late Negro ex-Communist, Manning Johnson, and Welch's *Letter to The South* which first appeared some years ago. Also available were various reprints, all hewing to the Birch line that the civil rights movement is a Communist manifestation, lock, stock and barrel.

### **The TACT Committees**

The campaign for this nationwide attack was created by Welch in July, 1965, with a proposed new and major approach to exposure of the "fraud" known as "civil rights." He called for "the setting up throughout the country of hundreds of local or regional *ad hoc* committees for the specific purpose of telling the truth about the civil turmoil." Anticipating that they would come to be known as TACT — Truth About Civil Turmoil — he gave the shorthand name his blessing.

TACT front groups sprang up and swung immediately into high gear, distributing literature, holding meetings, sponsoring lectures by American Opinion speakers, buying full-page ads in local newspapers, and peppering the letters-to-the-editor columns with Birch propaganda exposing the "truth about civil turmoil."

Welch's choice of the Communist-style front-group technique worked admirably. Many non-Birchite rightists and conservatives were lured into making common cause with the Birchers against the civil rights movement. In many localities, even the newspapers and other media of public information were at first unaware that the TACT committees were Birch fronts. For example:

- In Fort Wayne, Ind., the *News Sentinel* reported the formation of the local TACT Committee and merely noted that it had "been formed to provide information about past instances of civil turmoil in order to prevent recurrences." There was not a hint in the news report of the TACT group's real sponsorship.

- In the suburban Glenview-Northbrook area of Chicago, where a TACT Committee was formed, the local newspaper reported that the committee chairman had said "that the group, conservative in nature, is not connected with any organization." Yet the group's own newspaper advertisement was signed: "The TACT Committee of Northbrook & Glenbrook Division of the John Birch Society."

But the TACT Committees around the country were not the only fronts spearheading the Birch Society's ideological warfare against Civil Rights:

- The "Detroit Committee for the Prevention of Racial Disorder" listed the same post office box number as the local Birchite "Support Your Local Police" organization, and the same individual was listed as chairman of both.

- In La Puente, Calif., "Citizens for the Support of Law and Order" seized on the Watts riots in Los Angeles, in

the Summer of 1966 to distribute a flyer captioned "Now Will You Believe?" It was, in effect, an advertisement for Stang's book and bore the "Support Your Local Police" emblem.

- A woman in Whittier, Calif., received a letter from the "Committee for Better Understanding" which listed a post office box in racially-troubled Selma, Ala. The letter ended with: "Yours for less government, more individual responsibility and a better world"— the slogan of the John Birch Society.

While waging war against the civil rights movement, the John Birch Society has, at the same time, diligently sought to create a public image of itself as friendly to Negroes. A mainstay of the Birch Speakers Bureau during 1965 was Mrs. Julia Brown, a Negro lady who had once been a Communist and later an informant for the government. More recently, the American Opinion Speakers Bureau listed conservative Negro newspaper columnist George Schuyler as one of its lecturers. Birch spokesmen go out of their way to make it clear that the Society has Negro members. As part of the campaign to rid itself of any anti-Negro stigma, the Society has established a Manning Johnson Scholarship for deserving Negro students.

### **Exploiting Racial Tensions**

Nevertheless, the Birchers seek to exploit racial tensions, unrest and disorders for their own purposes. Forty-eight hours after the Watts riots in Los Angeles in the summer of 1965, Birch chapters were mobilized — via a directive to all area chapter leaders — for an intensive anti-civil rights propaganda drive to exploit the white reaction to the outburst of violence and disorder.

It is inevitable that, like the Communists, the Birchers will seek, in this way, to exploit racial tensions and outbursts of violence. During 1965, Birch propaganda had much to say about the Selma Civil Rights March — some of it indistinguishable from the outpourings of openly racist organizations in the Deep South.

In the June, 1965, issue of *American Opinion*, writer Jim Lucier described the Selma march as having been "organized by the International Conspiracy of Evil." An unsigned article in the July issue purported to describe what happened "when a horde of termites from all over the country, led by half-crazed ministers and professors, swarmed over the small town of Selma, Ala., in a typical demonstration of Communist activism."

It would be hard to finger such explosive "educational" prose as a direct cause of violence in the South but it is equally difficult to see in it any indication of an attempt to restore the racial harmony which Robert Welch, born and raised on a North Carolina farm, claims existed in the past.

### **Welch's Happy Vision**

Welch has described such visions. In the June, 1965, *Bulletin*, he wrote of "that huge reservoir of good will between the races that was such a happy circumstance of American life only two decades ago." And in a recent television interview he saw that period (a time of Negro second-class citizenship and enforced Jim Crow vassalage) as having included "a very, very tiny amount of injustice."

Such may be the cornerstone of the racial attitudes the John Birch Society is building; the "happy circumstance" was one of segregation and inequality.

The quarrel of the Birch Society with the concept of Negro equality goes far deeper than mere questions of policies and methods, or even of the alleged Communist character of the civil rights movement itself.

• In *The Blue Book* of the Society, Welch decried democracy as "merely a deceptive phrase, a weapon of demagoguery, and a perennial fraud." In a footnote he added that democracy was "the worst of all forms of government."

• Jim Lucier, a frequent contributor to *American Opinion*, argued in the June, 1965, issue that (1) Voting is not one of the basic rights of a human being; (2) There is no direct relationship between voting and freedom; and (3) The doctrine of majority rule is alien to American political tradition and ideals.

• In the November, 1964, issue, National Council member Revilo P. Oliver, described by Welch as "quite possibly the world's greatest living scholar," wrote that it was a lie that the races are equal.

• In the February, 1965, issue, National Council member Tom Anderson wrote that "the right to discriminate is the right to choose and the right to choose is the essence of liberty."

### Tainted Sources

Welch and those who wage war at his side are not always careful about the sources they cite to back up their contentions:

In the June, 1965, Birch *Bulletin*, for instance, Welch quoted "the long and prophetically accurate December, 1956 Special Report of the American Flag Committee." The American Flag Committee had predicted nine years earlier, he said, that 1965 was marked by the Communists as the target year for agitation for Negro voting rights. Welch devoted five full pages of the *Bulletin* to this report, and cited the American Flag Committee in five separate references.

The American Flag Committee was, in fact, a small-time propaganda outfit run by W. Henry MacFarland, Jr., of Philadelphia, an outspoken anti-Semite who toured the country some years ago with Gerald Smith, the anti-Jewish rabble-rouser. MacFarland cooperated with the late Conde McGinley, Jew-baiting publisher of *Common Sense*, and with the gutter-level, racist and anti-Semitic National Renaissance Party, headed by James Madole of New York, a minor pamphleteer and street corner agitator.

Welch's members had no way of knowing that two of the organizations founded by MacFarland before he created the American Flag Committee were included in the U. S. Attorney General's so-called list of subversive organizations. One was MacFarland's Nationalist Action League; the other, the Committee for Nationalist Action.

The July-August, 1965, issue of *American Opinion* gave source credit, in an evaluation of racial questions, to *The Councilor*, a blatantly racist and openly anti-Semitic publication edited in Shreveport, La., by Ned Touchstone. *The*

*Councilor* is the organ of the White Citizens Councils of Louisiana.

What of the John Birch Society and the Ku Klux Klans, now waging guerrilla race warfare in the American South? Welch and Society Public Relations Director John Rousselot have made it clear that Klan members are not welcome in the John Birch Society.

However, take the case of Dr. John R. Andrew of Stone Mountain, Ga. Andrew was the leader of the Birch Society's Emory (Atlanta) chapter until he resigned the position early in 1965 to run for political office. He is still a member of the Society, and the Emory chapter still meets in his home. On August 23, 1965, Dr. Andrew addressed a rally of the Ku Klux Klan (United Klans of America) in Atlanta. He told the assembled Klansmen that he had been defeated in the special election for the reapportioned state legislature by the international banking conspiracy. Later, Andrew told a reporter for the Atlanta *Journal* that he was not actually a Klan member but would like to help the organization if he could.

Andrew was present on September 13, 1965, at the Henry Grady Hotel in Atlanta—as were Mr. and Mrs. George Birch (parents of John Birch) and other local Society luminaries—to hear a speech by former Major General Edwin A. Walker. During the question period, Walker, always proudly a Birch Society member, told a cheering audience:

"There will be a KKK in the USA longer than there will be an LBJ."

When, on August 10, 1965, at Long Beach, Calif., Walker told his hearers of the Red plot aimed at "you, the white race—just ninety miles from Florida," he was giving perhaps the ultimate expression to the politico-racial fears that have emerged as the wellspring of John Birch Society activity.

### Purposes

The stated purpose of the Society's anti-civil rights campaign was set forth by Welch in a July, 1965, pamphlet entitled *A Stick of Dynamite*. The Society, he wrote, was not strong enough to fight a war, but it was strong enough to fight a battle and have a chance of success if it concentrated its forces on one front.

What are the true purposes of the Society's all-out attack on the civil rights movement?

• It is a convenient instrument for exploiting whatever white backlash exists in the nation as the result of the Negro thrust for equality.

• The propaganda campaign is a logical preliminary to Welch's plan for a Birch Society effort in 1966 to influence the Congressional elections.

• The campaign offers an opportunity for nationwide activity by Birchers, using TACT and other front groups, and for recruiting new members into the Society's ranks.

In short, like the Communists, the John Birch Society is seeking to exploit the nation's racial tensions for its own propaganda and recruitment purposes, and for its deeper political goals. And it is using the Communist technique of the front group as a propaganda and recruiting instrument.

# The Birch 'Line'

The Society's extreme view of the civil rights struggle—that it is directed by an "International Communist Conspiracy" or, more mysteriously, by an "International Conspiracy of Evil"—represents only a portion of the standard Birch line on the origin and nature of the nation's problems.

Behind this theme stands a whole philosophy—the Conspiracy Theory of History—based on the belief that there exists an historic, unbroken, secret, and thoroughly committed succession of inter-related human beings dedicated with perverse monomania to evil purposes. "It is clear," to the Birch Society's Revilo P. Oliver (in *American Opinion*, December, 1964), "that there is in the human species some biological strain of either atavism or degeneracy that manifests itself in a hatred of mankind and a lust for evil for its own sake." The proponents of this hatred and lust are The Conspirators.

In the Birch view, the Conspiracy involves the very leadership of the United States Government for three decades and the present-day thrust of American policy at home and abroad.

## A Communist America?

The Birch Society's latest evaluation of the United States (in the July-August "Scoreboard" issue of Welch's magazine) is that it is 60% to 80% under Communist influence and control. And the term "influence" must not be interpreted too softly, for the magazine's explanatory notes are more explicit:

"Americans can expect *only* defeat so long as they are commanded by their enemies."

In explaining their reasons for announcing an increase in the percentage of Communist control in the U. S. over 1964, the editors wrote:

"Although some believe that the bracket of 50% to 70% could be retained, there is substantial agreement that the percentage of control is now more than 60%, and no analysis supported a lower estimate."

And they added a built-in defense:

"It is not too much to say that the Conspiracy's greatest single asset in the world today is the fact that our score will seem utterly unbelievable and preposterous to so large a part of the American people."

And yet, from the same article: "Communist domination of many of the departments of the federal government is too obvious to require much comment."

## Target: State Department

One particular government department was singled out for especially violent attack—the State Department. It was branded as "Communist headquarters in Washington..." And the policies of that department were seen as clear signs of conspiracy. The editors recalled "a vigorous action against the Communists in Korea, which traitors in Washington quickly transformed into a very successful device for getting Americans killed, squandering American money, subjecting the United States to a humiliating defeat..."

And they apply The Conspiracy Theory to more recent events, such as those in the Dominican Republic, where "the State Department is now busily installing another Commu-

nist base," or in Vietnam where the extent of Viet Cong penetration led correspondent Eric Butler (*American Opinion*, June, 1965) to write that "the only reasonable conclusion" was "that the situation was deliberately produced through treachery in Washington. . . . There has been no indication that American policymakers have any other intention..."

## The Enemies in Washington . . .

We are, in the eyes of the Birch Society, commanded by our enemies. Hence, say the editors of *American Opinion*:

"As for Vietnam, one thing is certain: No action really detrimental to the Communists is conceivable, or even possible, so long as Rusk, McNamara, and Katzenbach remain in power."

Robert Welch leveled the same accusation of treason at the top in an interview at Boston in August, 1964. "The Communists have absolutely no worry about bombs," he said, because "they control the men on both sides who would give the order to march—not the generals, but the politicians here and abroad."

The hunt for what Welch's magazine has referred to as "these secret forces" can lead, at worst, to the acceptance of awful imaginings as views of reality. Revilo P. Oliver, writing in the December, 1964, issue of *American Opinion*, said:

"In the mid-1930s . . . there were reports that experimental stations in Asiatic Russia had pens of human women whom the research workers were trying to breed with male apes in the hope of producing a species better adapted to life under Socialism than human beings."

The same obsession with conspiracy leads, at best, to a divisive propaganda, creating fear and suspicion that belie claims of patriotism.

The Birch Society's charges of treason levied against America's national leadership, undiminished since Welch's accusation that President Eisenhower was a Communist agent, expanded into a litany of wild indictments against President Johnson after the most recent Presidential election. In a melodramatic throwaway headlined "If you are one of the 27,000,000 then read this . . ." the Society found not one, but rather 42,000,000 traitors, brainwashed by the Communist conspiracy:

"In November, 1964 forty-two million supporters of Lyndon Johnson voted for repeal of our Declaration of Independence . . .

"voted for scrapping the United States Constitution entirely . . .

"voted for encouragement and support by the Federal Government of racial agitators to instigate more riots . . .

"voted for governmental steps and policies which will gradually wipe out the value of all of their savings . . .

"Our forty-two million Johnson camp followers . . . voted to condone and accept the gradual destruction of all moral principles . . .

"Forty-two million Americans voted for communizing our nation . . ."

The Birch line on such institutions as the United Nations and the Supreme Court of the United States provides ample explanation of why "Get the US out of the UN" and

"Impeach Earl Warren" have been made important national programs of the Society. The 1965 Scoreboard in *American Opinion* spoke of the international organization's peace-keeping machinery as the "Soviet-United Nations forces" and warned of "ruin wrought by the Bolsheviks . . . through their 'United Nations' front."

And it leveled at the Supreme Court an astounding charge:

"The efforts of the Warren Gang to produce a tidal wave of violence and crime are accomplishing their purpose."

The editors traced the efforts of the Chief Justice's "gang" throughout our juridical system, speaking of "the criminals whom the Conspiracy has slipped into lower courts, wherever they had an opportunity."

### ... And Those Elsewhere

The Birchers see the hand of the "conspiracy" in areas other than civil rights ("to instigate riots") and foreign policy ("getting Americans killed"). They view local police review boards as part of the secret plot; the income tax as a Marxist means of national suicide; the fluoridation of water as a means to produce a generation of "Mongolian idiots" (Oliver).

"Liberal intellectuals" are, in the view of Jim Lucier, in Welch's magazine, "inherently subversive."

Foreign aid, said the 1965 Scoreboard issue, "was naturally used to finance the Communist takeover of nation after nation [although] the ultimate purpose was to destroy our currency."

Birch Council member Tom Anderson, one of the most popular speakers before Birch audiences, speaks in the vernacular:

"We've got to take a stand against becoming a dictatorship. It's not the comrade I'm worried about, it's the liberal rat he is nesting with.

"If we have morality and courage we can destroy the diabolical conspiracy of communism. Every communist and every pro-communist ought to be arrested, deported and hung."

Robert Welch, taking a broad look at the national picture in a recent speech, declared:

"The United States is an insane asylum run by its worst patients."

And yet, the Birchers offer no hope for the "insane," for they view mental health programs as another Communist plot.

### Sanity and Revilo P. Oliver

"The Communists," according to the Scoreboard editors, "in a very considerable number of states . . . have induced the legislatures to enact 'mental health' laws to facilitate the incarceration of troublesome Americans." Americans first became aware of this, they added, on October 1, 1962, "when, in obedience to the specific demands of the Communist Party, a gang under the direction of Nicholas Katzenbach (now Attorney General of the United States) kidnapped General Edwin A. Walker in Oxford, Miss. . . ."

Oliver took this line in an *American Opinion* article published in November, 1964, claiming that "'mental health' prisons are being increasingly used for the kidnapping and mental, if not physical, murder of patriotic Americans."

It is Revilo Oliver of the Society's National Council who rides at the apogee of the Birch flight of mind. A classics

professor at the University of Illinois, Oliver magnifies the terrors seen by the Right in triphammer prose, evoking from the members of the Birch Society greater acclaim than any other single spokesman. A tireless speaker on the Birch circuit, Oliver is also an official book reviewer for Welch's magazine — and as such, he recently gave a laudatory review to a blatantly anti-Semitic book, *World Revolution*.

The "Conspiracy" becomes Satanic in Revilo P. Oliver's eyes. It is he who claimed to see a strain of degeneracy in human beings which prompts them to form conspiracies of hate. And now, he writes, "the power of government is being used, with a consistency and efficiency that must be intentional, to accelerate our deterioration and hasten our disappearance as a people by every means short of mass massacre . . ."

Oliver declared in a 1959 speech that Cuba is "an island largely populated by mongrels," and, in a January, 1965, *American Opinion* article, that Washington, D.C. is populated by "hordes of thieves, perverts, and traitors." He maintained, in November, 1964, that it is a lie that the races are equal, and a month later declared that "the United States is now engaged in an insane, but terribly effective, effort to destroy the American people and Western civilization by subsidizing, both at home and abroad, the breeding of the intellectually, physically, and morally unfit . . ."

In the November, 1964, *American Opinion*, Oliver contended that it is a lie that the Nazis killed six million Jews. (This, too, was an aspect of the secret plots for which Oliver has a practiced eye.)

In January, 1965, he wrote: "More than once, the directors of what calls itself the National Council of Churches have been caught in the very act of importing into the United States and escorting about the country identified agents of the Soviet Secret Police . . ." And in May, he accused the churches of spreading "confusion, fanaticism, and immorality."

### Oliver on Kennedy

In discussing the work of the old Dies Committee (former Congressman Martin Dies, in *American Opinion*, has pointed with pride to his investigations of fascists), Oliver wrote in April, 1965, that the Dies Committee "also investigated a number of small American groups that the Communists called 'Fascist' because they were opposing in various ways Franklin D. Roosevelt's stealthy efforts to squander the lives and the money of the American people on a great Crusade to Save the Soviet."

It was Revilo P. Oliver who wrote the notorious "Marx-manship in Dallas," an *American Opinion* article charging that President Kennedy had been assassinated by Communist plotters because he was about to "turn American."

The man who pours out these fantasies is no mere Birch ally or hanger-on; he is a member of the John Birch Society's National Council and an associate editor of its magazine. Robert Welch has referred to him as "an authentic genius of the first water, and quite possibly the world's greatest living scholar."

And 1965's unsigned "Notes on the Scoreboard," in assessing the United States to be 60% to 80% in Communist control, drew this preliminary comment from editor Scott Stanley:

"We are especially grateful to Associate Editor Revilo P. Oliver for his hundreds of hours of examination, com-

pilation, and microanalysis, which help to make the central editorial section of this issue one of the finest ever."

The Birch ideology holds that the United States today suffers from a cancerous disease called collectivism which stems in large measure from a huge plot. "Where there is no poverty," says Birch Council member Tom Anderson, "there is no freedom."

Human social progress is found to be degenerate, as well as conspiratorial, in the "microanalysis" of the 1965 *American Opinion* Scoreboard:

"Only when one looks closely does one see that the progress in *every* field . . . is 'progress' toward barbarism, *designed* to weaken and destroy our moral instincts and our capacity for self-respect — *designed*, in short, to kill loyalty to the United States, respect for the white race, comprehension of Western civilization, and veneration of God. That simultaneous movement in a hundred supposedly unrelated segments of our national life cannot be mere coincidence."

### **The Conservative Awakening**

After the appearance of the *American Opinion* 1965 Scoreboard issue, some American conservatives, including William F. Buckley, Jr., editor of *National Review* — blind for so long, and doggedly so — began to catch glimpses of the fact that many Birchers live in the same fantasy world as does Mr. Welch. Buckley and the others in his circle apparently realized — finally — that there is, indeed, a Radical Right in America, that Birch members agree with the Birch leader, and that they are not merely misled conservatives, following a misguided leader.

Three of Buckley's syndicated columns in August, 1965, dealt with the Birch Society. In the first, on August 5, he enumerated the enormities contained in the Scoreboard issue of *American Opinion*. In the second, on August 17, he reprinted some of the indignant mail he had received from Birch members about his first column. In the third, on August 22, he finally reached the conclusion that there was no great ideological gap between Welch and those who march behind him in the Birch Society and who believe what Buckley called the Society's "paranoid and unpatriotic drivel."

Welch himself had already supplied the best answer about his followers years ago, in *The Blue Book*, when he declared:

"The men and women who join the John Birch Society during the next few months or few years are going to do so primarily because they believe in me and what I am doing and are willing to accept my leadership anyway."

More recently, Welch declared in a televised interview that "loyalty to an individual leader is harder to break down and tear to pieces than are a set of policy rules or principles . . ."

### **A Major Attack**

Nevertheless, toward the end of 1965, the extremism of the Birch movement produced the beginnings of a significant split between the Birch radicals and the ultra-conservatives for whom Buckley is the most articulate spokesman.

The split, first signalled by Buckley's three syndicated columns, was then marked by a major attack in the form of a special six-part section in the October 19, 1965, issue of Buckley's *National Review*, and titled: "The John Birch Society and The Conservative Movement."

The essential thrust of the expose by the editors of *National Review* — Buckley, James Burnham and Frank S. Meyer — was that the Welchian concept of a United States in the grip of an internal Communist conspiracy holding 60 to 80% control over United States affairs and permeating the government itself, was a threat to the conservative movement; the more so because most, if not all, Birch members believe the Welchian mythology.

*National Review* last October quoted at length from Buckley's now-famous 1962 editorial in which he had criticized Welch, but not the Society members who follow Welch's leadership. *National Review* then pointed out:

"In the ensuing three years," three things had become clear: First, that Welch's views had not changed but on the contrary, had become "more virulent." Second, that there was no effective movement from within the Society "to contain Mr. Welch's utterances, or to remove him as the Society's leader." Third, that "Mr. Welch succeeds in influencing his membership to believe those surrealisms which he first ventilated in *The Politician*; and that as the membership comes to believe the Welch analysis, it ceases to be effectively anti-Communist."

Meyer's article, entitled "Principles and Heresies — The Birch Malady," concluded:

"The false analysis and conspiratorial mania of the John Birch Society has moved beyond diversion and waste of the devotion of its members to the mobilization of that devotion in ways directly anti-conservative and dangerous to the interests of the United States. It is no longer possible to consider the Society merely as moving towards legitimate objectives in a misguided way. However worthy the original motivations of those who have joined it and who apologize for it, it is time for them to recognize that the John Birch Society is rapidly losing whatever it had in common with patriotism or conservatism — and to do so before their own minds become warped by adherence to its unrolling psychosis of conspiracy."

### **Birchers and Vietnam**

The article by James Burnham emphasized that on Vietnam, the Birch Society was "lined up with its supposedly diametric opposite, the Left, in support of Getting Out, not Standing Firm." Burnham said that the Birch stand on Vietnam, which found it on the same side as the Radical Left, stemmed from the Birch belief that for all intents and purposes today, the United States is a Communist nation and has a Communist government. Burnham concluded:

"Responsible conservatives have long tried to believe that the JBS, though 'misguided,' was 'going in the same direction' and therefore an 'ally.' Certainly this is the case with many, perhaps even most, individual JBS members. But unfortunately, under the years of brainwashing and organizational control by Robert Welch, the Society as a collective body has taken off in directions where no conservative can prudently venture, and has become a suitable ally only for confusion and sterility. Its stand on Vietnam confirms, not for the first time, that any American who seriously wants to contribute to his country's security and well-being and to oppose Communism will have to stay clear of the JBS."

In demolishing the over-simplifications of the Welchian and Birchite "Conspiratorial" view of history and events,

and noting that "human reality is ignor[...], in the outlook of the John Birch Society," Meyer paused to deal with the Birch line that the civil rights movement in America is part of a Communist plot. He wrote:

"The sources of the civil rights movement are manifold.

Certain just, if limited, grievances of the Negro people have been magnified, and have been extended to a challenge of our whole constitutional structure, primarily as a result of the operation of Liberal ideology. It is true that here (as everywhere it profits them) Communist groups are active, seeking to take advantage of the turmoil, and

are sometimes successful in penetrating sections of the leadership of the movement. But the movement is not a Communist movement, as the John Birch Society implies with every device of rhetoric, with pictures, with innuendo, and often with straight-forward statement. There is, of course, much in the civil rights movement which conservatives should oppose; but when it is attacked in the Birch manner, on the basis of an obsessed insistence on conspiracy ('it's all a Communist plot'), sober opposition is discredited and great positive harm done the conservative cause."

# The JBS and Anti-Semitism

In 1965, Welch gave a three-day seminar for a small group at a private home in the Midwest. His whole presentation was recorded and the 22-hour monologue was then edited down to 18 hours and issued by the Society as "One Dozen Trumpets" — twelve record albums of four sides each. Price: \$50.

At one point in his marathon seminar, Welch touched on the subject of anti-Semitism. He said in part:

"Anti-Semitism has been the most powerful weapon the Communists have had at different times. In my opinion — I think you could prove it — anti-Semitism was created by the Communists for them to be able to use both sides. There was some hatred or dislike for Jews still left in Europe in the latter part of the 19th Century but not much. In America, practically none."

"... the whole anti-Semitic thing had practically disappeared in the United States, as it had largely in Europe, 'til the Communists brought it back. They began to bring it back in the 1890s very strong."

"I have not the slightest doubt that 'The Protocols of the Elders of Zion,' which has been used so extensively and disastrously to create trouble, was written either by Lenin or for Lenin deliberately to serve their purposes in many ways."

"There is no doubt, in my opinion, that it was a Communist who twisted Henry Ford, Sr., into making such a dope of himself in his book and so forth, and creating situations that would make him so angry and cause him to do these things. And the Communists used that....

"In my opinion — and I don't know whether I'll leave this in this tape or not — maybe not — because I want to write a book about it — but the greatest creator of anti-Semitism for the last generation has been, of course, the Anti-Defamation League. Done more to create anti-Semitism, under the guise of stopping it and preventing it, than all other organizations put together. But what's more important — in my opinion — that's what it was founded for; that was its purpose — was to create anti-Semitism. Just as so many other things that the Communists have had a hand in behind the scenes are created for the exact opposite of what they appear to be created for. And the ADL has done an incredibly good job of creating anti-Semitism....

"Thus the first of the great splits. Communists use both sides of it. We have members resign every week because we won't come out and fight the Jews. 'You must know it's all the Jews — the whole conspiracy is Jewish — and of course Welch knows it, too, but he hasn't got the courage and he hasn't got the guts and he won't do it so why bother with the John Birch Society. Let's come on boys and fight the real enemy.'

"We have them resigning every week on that basis 'cause we won't fight the Jews and on the other side we're being smeared every week by at least two or three speeches by ADL on the grounds that we are anti-Semitic. Because it's Communists on both sides. Not that our members are Communists — they're being misled by Communists. They're playing both sides of the street as they do all streets, everywhere, all the time. Just as in Germany they

created Hitler — the evidence is that he didn't know it — but they did — they created the whole Nazi Party and they drugged Hitler and the Nazi Party — which was not part of the original Hitler plan at all — into persecution of the Jews. There's no doubt that was planned and put into effect in Germany by Stalin 'cause it served their purposes there."

## 'Let's Suppose'...

In seeking to warn his members against anti-Semitism — which he has done repeatedly — Welch expanded on the whole theme in the November, 1965, *Bulletin*:

"Let's suppose you happen to believe, for instance, that the Anti-Defamation League, always under the guise of protecting the Jews from anti-Semitism — and certainly with that intention on the part of many of its leaders — has actually done more to cause and promote anti-Semitism than any other group or force in America. Suppose you even go further — as do some of my Jewish friends — and believe that the ADL was originally designed by Communists for that very purpose . . . then why on earth help them, and the Communists behind them, to carry out this nefarious scheme, by yourself reacting in exactly the way the Communists have planned and wanted?"

Welch also wrote in the same *Bulletin*:

"... there came a period of some forty years when an abnormal percentage of the visible leadership of the Communist Conspiracy was of Jewish ancestry. . . . And these traitors to their race — as well as to all mankind — worked and schemed and plotted to have themselves hated, *not as Communists, but as Jews*."

That Welch could imagine so fiendish a conspiracy is hardly surprising after one has read the first sentence quoted just above — an echo of the oldest anti-Semitic canards.

## A JBS Problem

Welch has, in recent years, written several pieces that could be described as *anti-anti-Semitic*, manifestly in an effort to keep his organization free of anti-Jewish taint. But the Society has had a chronic problem with the instigators of religious hate it seems to attract and whom Welch brands as Communist *agents provocateurs*. And the Society has been less than successful in dealing with the problem.

The Society's trouble with anti-Semites is illustrated by the cases of Californians Richard Cotten and James Oviatt. Cotten, a radio propagandist who preaches that Communism was financed by "those people" in New York and that the U. S. State Department is run by Jews, has gathered adherents from among Birch Society members in the Far West — to whom he has recommended the publications of such hate mongers as Gerald Smith, Don Bell and Conde McGinley. He thus became a major cause of controversy and dissension within Welch's organization. The trouble became so acute by the spring of 1965 that Welch sent to every chapter leader in the United States a special, printed memorandum warning Birchers away from Cotten and his teachings. It was also Cotten's fondness for armed "anti-Communism" (such as that of the Minutemen) and for a particular Korean prophet Welch considered pro-Red, be-

sides Cotten's blatant anti-Semitism, which aroused Welch's ire.

James Oviatt, a Los Angeles haberdasher who had been a member of the Society, was a patron of Wesley Swift, a notorious anti-Semite. Oviatt mailed to his store's clients packets of hate literature including material based on the classic fraud of anti-Semitism, "The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion." Oviatt was dropped by Welch from membership after the Anti-Defamation League made his activities public. In August, 1965, William F. Buckley, Jr., published a letter he had received from Oviatt after a previous Buckley blast against Welch and his Society's extremism. Oviatt wrote:

"I am just wondering what Zionist Jew wrote this article? Could it have been Lippmann, or Goldberg, or even Abe — Johnson's attorney? . . . I have known Bob Welch for over 15 years. I think he told the truth about Eisenhower."

At about the time of its expose of Oviatt, the ADL published an analysis of the anti-Semitism in articles written for Welch's magazine by Westbrook Pegler. Welch wrote the League: "We were already becoming unhappy ourselves with some of the attitudes in Mr. Pegler's writings."

In the meantime, *American Opinion* had dropped Pegler who, went on to grace the platform of Gerald Smith. Late in 1965, he began writing a column for *The Councilor*, the racist, anti-Semitic organ of the Louisiana White Citizens Councils. It is worthy of note, however, that while Welch dropped Oviatt and Pegler, a Boston woman who has made financial contributions to Smith's anti-Jewish "Christian Nationalist Crusade," Olive Simes, is still listed as a stockholder in *American Opinion* magazine.

#### **The Anti-Semitic Background**

The appearance of such persons as Olive Simes and Richard Cotten in the Birch apparatus are not isolated incidents — nor are they especially surprising. Welch and his Society have a lack of alertness — a kind of blind spot — about the activities in which such people have been engaged, even when such activities have been carefully made a matter of public knowledge.

As early as 1952, Welch cited a pamphlet by Joseph Kamp as source material for his book, *May God Forgive Us*. (Kamp is a long-time extremist pamphleteer whose writings have been filled with ill-concealed anti-Semitic innuendo.) Later, Welch paid Kamp \$100 to check the manuscript of his 1954 book, *The Life of John Birch*. Still later, sections of Welch's infamous book on Eisenhower, *The Politician*, appeared to have been taken almost verbatim from the March 15, 1952, issue of Kamp's *Headlines*. (Welch later wrote he had not been aware that many considered Kamp to be an extremist pamphleteer and declared he would never allow the Birch Society to become a haven for anti-Semites so long as he was at its helm).

In *The Politician*, Lucille Miller of Bethel, Vt., was described by Welch as "a patriotic but not too cautious Vermont woman." Actually, she was a blatant anti-Semite, and had been so identified quite publicly.

Still another authority cited by Welch in his "Black Book" was Merwin Hart, who had been one of America's most prolific voices of anti-Semitism through almost three decades.

Hart, who died in 1962, had been active in Coughlinite and isolationist causes during the pre-World War II days.

His association with Robert Welch first came to public view in 1958, when he was listed on the advisory board of the first Birch Society front group, the "Committee Against Summit Entanglements." Later, Hart appeared in the Birch apparatus as a Society chapter leader. At least two supporters of Hart's National Economic Council have served as members of the National Council of the Birch Society.

In spite of Welch's periodic admonitions, the tendency of the John Birch Society to attract anti-Semites has persisted, and plagues the organization. Welch again recognized the problem when, in 1963, he issued a pamphlet called *The Neutralizers*, criticizing and warning against those who "neutralized" the Birch Society's program with fits of irrelevant anti-Semitism or with "tangentitis" (fanatical support for Right Wing causes other than those canonized by the Society itself).

The pamphlet assailed some of the fundamental tenets of the Jew-haters and singled out bigot Wesley Swift and the "British-Israel" cult of Anglo-Saxon racism for criticism. It did not mention Merwin Hart or Joe Kamp. What is perhaps most significant in *The Neutralizers* is the fact that it had to be written at all and that Welch found it necessary to devote 16 pages to the task of proving to the membership of his Society that Communism is *not* a Jewish conspiracy.

#### **The Anti-Semitic Foreground**

The attraction of anti-Semites to the John Birch Society has not gone un-noticed. As pointed out earlier, the Society made wide and exhaustive use of the report of the first investigation of the Society by California's Senate Fact-Finding Sub-Committee on Un-American Activities in 1963, although understandably saying little or nothing about a more recent report by the same body in June, 1965. The 1965 report found "an influx of emotionally unstable people" into the Society and a "dangerous increase of anti-Semitism among a minority of its membership."

Rousselot was quoted at that time by the Associated Press as explaining: "We have been concerned with the problem of anti-Semitic infiltrators." (By thus labeling anti-Semites as outside "infiltrators," he apparently sought to avoid what is actually an inherent problem of the Society and to dodge its implications.) Rousselot added: "We have dealt very decisively with the problem."

On the other hand, in the *Bulletin* for November, 1965, Welch suggests that the ADL stirs up the problem "by unjustly accusing people of anti-Semitism."

Recent events and activities make it possible to judge whether "unjust" accusations are involved, and to evaluate just how "decisively" Robert Welch has dealt with the problem of keeping the Birch Society free of anti-Semitic taint. These specifics represent a sampling of the available evidence:

Item: "The Patriot's Book Shelf and American Opinion Library" in San Bernardino, Calif., has had available the material of several anti-Semitic propagandists — Marilyn Allen, Richard Cotten, Myron Fagan, Kenneth Goff and Wickliffe Vennard.

Item: The same store has stocked "De Gaulle — Rothschild's Pawn," published by the Christian Educational Association, of Union, N. J. (which also publishes the viciously anti-Jewish *Common Sense*). The pamphlet offered in the San Bernardino store — which has the official recommenda-

tion of the Society's West Coast headquarters as a Birch book outlet — finds that "officials appointed by De Gaulle from 1940 to date have included at least TWENTY-FOUR JEWS, NINE SOCIALISTS, SEVEN COMMUNISTS, FIVE FRIENDS OF ISRAEL, and FOUR MARRIED TO JEWESSES!" (Capitals and exclamation in the original).

Item: The American Opinion Bookstore in Mobile, Ala., has distributed a flyer advertising *The Other Side of the Coin*, by Alfred Lilienthal. The flyer quotes a passage from the book explaining that anti-Semitism is not the product of anti-Semites, but rather "the conspiracy of the rabbinate, Jewish nationalists and other leaders of organized Jewry...."

Item: The American Opinion Library in Stratford, Conn., has sold a booklet entitled *Parents Are Puppets of the P-TA*, published by the right-wing Tarrant County Public Affairs Forum in Fort Worth, Texas. The booklet bore a sticker stating: "Order from Christian Educational Assn., Union, New Jersey" — the publisher, as noted, of the notoriously anti-Semitic periodical *Common Sense* and a purveyor of various anti-Jewish reprints. An examination of a number of these booklets available at the Stratford Birch store showed that many bore the same sticker. The booklet itself contained a sly reference to Dr. Leo Pasvolsky, active in the formation of the United Nations, as "a Russian-born Zionist who was Assistant U.S. Secretary of State from 1936-1946."

Item: The American Opinion Bookstore in Seattle, Wash., has sold an "anti-Communist" booklet by Kenneth Goff, an ex-lieutenant of Gerald Smith's, and a notorious anti-Semite for almost 20 years.

Item: Poor Richard's Book Shop of Hamilton, Mont. (formerly of Los Angeles), whose proprietor has been identified as a Birch member, has openly advertised anti-Semitic and racist books in its catalogue, and (less openly, from under its own counter) has sold *Pawns in the Game*, a rehash of the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*.

Item: The American Opinion Library of Syracuse (N.Y.), Inc., one of the East's major suppliers for Birch Society bookstores (it wholesales to other bookstores), has sold Nesta H. Webster's *World Revolution — The Plot Against Civilization*, a book originally published in England forty-four years ago, which attempts to portray a conspiratorial Jewish power lurking behind Communism. The author quotes copiously from what she calls "the amazing *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*."

Item: Mrs. Webster's malicious book has also been sold in the Birchers' bookstores in Freeport, L. I. (N.Y.); Albany, Calif., and Stamford, Conn. The Stamford store, moreover, has displayed pamphlets by Joseph Kamp and copies of the *Economic Council Letter*.

Item: Mrs. Webster's book was reviewed very favorably by Revilo P. Oliver in the January, 1965, issue of *American Opinion*. Oliver called the anti-Semitic book "simply indispensable" to students of the "conspiracy." He also found its author, who had been an admirer of fascism, to be "one of the most gracious and charming of Englishwomen." Oliver, who likes to remind his readers that Jack Ruby's name once had been Rubenstein, was once a featured speaker at a convention of the "Soldiers of the Cross," the organization headed by Kenneth Goff, the notorious anti-Semite.

Item: A second, and equally anti-Semitic book by Mrs. Webster, entitled *Secret Societies and Subversive Move-*

*ments*, was sold in the Albany, Calif., American Opinion Library.

(Mrs. Webster's book on world revolution was reprinted by the Owen Publishing Co., Waco, Texas, and was advertised in *American Opinion* magazine of January, 1965, — the same issue in which Oliver praised it in his review. Mrs. Webster's book on secret societies was reprinted by Omni Publications, Hawthorne, Calif., which advertised it in the February, 1965, issue of the Birch periodical. Owen Publishing Co. is owned by Homer L. Owen, formerly editor of "The Fighting American" in which he reprinted material from anti-Semitic sources during 1960 and 1961.)

Item: A pamphlet written by Joseph Kamp, attacking Jewish leaders, was one of the pieces offered for sale at the 1965 Rally for God, Family, and Country (Boston, July 4) — a rally run by several members of the Birch Society headquarters staff and traditionally including a testimonial dinner to Robert Welch.

Item: Earlier in 1965, a letter was circulated in Farmland, Ind., attacking the Anti-Defamation League as "a secret police . . . (an) atom-powered Communist front." The description was admittedly quoted from a leaflet by a notorious anti-Jewish propagandist of the 1950s — Major Robert H. Williams. The letter was signed, "Farmland Members of the John Birch Society."

Item: Benjamin Freedman, an apostate Jew, pro-Arab and anti-Zionist propagandist, financial backer of anti-Semites, addressed a series of three very secret meetings arranged on their own by several Birch members on Long Island (N.Y.) early in 1965. Invitation to the three sessions of anti-Jewish invective was by word of mouth only, and extended only to Birchers and their close friends.

#### *A Voice Near the Top*

Birch Society officials may insist that even such anti-Semitic weeds as these grow only on the lower fringes of their domain, where they cannot easily be seen and plucked out — ignoring the supposed tight control and efficiency of their monolithic system, and excusing the blindness and ineffectiveness that has characterized their handling of the problem over the whole of the Society's seven years.

Such a defense by Society officers is, however, irrelevant in view of at least one manifestation of its know-nothing posture: a man recognized for over a quarter of a century as one of Australia's leading anti-Semites is now a regular correspondent of the John Birch Society's magazine — and this position is far from the lower fringes of the apparatus.

"Eric D. Butler," says his biographical sketch in *American Opinion*, "is National Director of The League of Rights, Australia's most significant anti-Communist organization." The adjective *significant* has been used elsewhere, however, to describe the League of Rights as "the most significant organized anti-Semitic group" in that country.

Eric Butler founded the League of Rights and has edited its publication, the *New Times*, in which he himself wrote, on September 26, 1947:

"Ever since their active participation in the crucifixion of Christ, the Jewish leaders have worked ceaselessly to undermine and destroy the Christian faith. They have always believed and still believe in the Chosen Race idea; that the Jewish leaders are destined to rule the world."

### **Anti-Jewish Book**

In that same year, Butler wrote his own version of the notorious *Protocols*, a 166-page book entitled, *The International Jew — The Truth About the Protocols of Zion*. A spokesman for the Catholic archdiocese of Sydney called Butler's work "a childish exhibition of anti-Semitism at its worst . . . a disgraceful and mischievous production which is calculated to do harm to its readers . . ."

But the book won the praise of the hate press in the United States. It was cheered and quoted, for example, by bigots Elizabeth Dilling and Lyl Van Hyning in their hate publications.

Eric Butler's views showed no change through the years. In the September 12, 1958 issue of the *New Times*, the following appeared:

"What is meant by the word gentleman does not exist among Jews. The genuine Jew fails in this innate good breeding . . ."

In 1960, Butler wrote a pamphlet in which he declared:

" . . . the constant repetition of the statement that the Germans murdered six million Jews is without doubt one of the most frightening examples of the successful use of the big lie technique . . . to exaggerate the number of Jews murdered in order to make it easier for the Political Zionists to try and justify their own murderous and totalitarian policies . . ."

A *New Times* editorial on June 16, 1962, spoke of "the vital role played by Jews in the Communist espionage systems," and then warned:

"People who attempt to discuss national and international politics as if this Jewish power does not exist, are either very naive or they are very frightened."

### **Butler's Book Shop**

While he published such views, Butler's own Heritage Bookshop sold a variety of anti-Jewish standards, including Col. John O. Beaty's *The Iron Curtain Over America*, which makes exhaustive use of the *Protocols*, Benjamin Freedman's *Facts Are Facts*, and Louis Marschalko's *The World Conquerors*.

Eric Butler came to the United States in January, 1964, and on the 19th of that month, addressed a meeting of the "Citizens' Congressional Committee" in Los Angeles. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Gerald Smith.

A few months later, "Christian Youth Against Commu-

nism," a front group of Gerald Smith's organization, published Butler's speech as a 30-page pamphlet.

Later that spring, Butler made a tour of Canadian cities under the sponsorship of Ron Gostick, publisher of the anti-Semitic *Canadian Intelligence Service* and long an admirer of Butler. At about the same time, Butler's latest booklet, *The Red Pattern of World Conquest*, appeared on the American scene. Butler briefly injected (on page 65) his usual anti-Jewish thinking:

"The reasons why so many Jews have been prepared to act as espionage agents are understandable, but we need not go into this highly emotional subject in this story . . ."

In the spring of 1965 some disturbing anonymous mailings began to emanate from the State of Washington and from British Columbia, containing reprints of some 32 pages of Butler's *The International Jew*. At the bottom of the final page, the following note appeared:

"In printing this work on behalf of Mr. E. D. Butler, the printers, R. M. Osborne Limited, of 95 Currie Street, Adelaide, desire it to be known that the views expressed therein are those of the author and do not necessarily represent their views."

### **'Far East Correspondent'**

It was at about the same time — April, 1965 — that Eric Butler's first article in *American Opinion* appeared. Others have been published regularly since then, and the Birch Society publication describes Butler as its "regular Far East correspondent."

In the 1965 Scoreboard issue — wherein "Communist" influence in each nation of the world is judged annually — Butler was assigned, ironically, to cover the area of Arab-Israel tensions. On Israel he reported: "This country's politics must be assessed against its pro-Communist background." This view may, perhaps, be "assessed" against the author's own background.

In October, 1965, a report was made at a synod of the Australian Anglican Church by its Vicar, the Rev. D. J. Pope, alleging that an anti-Semitic group was engaged in secret infiltration of the churches. He charged that the group was spreading the lie "that the Jews are trying to seize control of the world," and that it was "reviving old techniques used against the Jews." The Vicar identified the infiltrating group as the "League of Rights" — the organization founded and directed by Robert Welch's own Far East "expert."

# Program and Activities

The peculiar John Birch view of reality — the United States seen as 60-80% Communist-controlled, of 19th Century America as some sort of idyllic pinnacle of civilization, and most subsequent American history as the disastrous result of diabolical conspiracies — has attracted significant numbers of Right Wing radicals. It has produced, necessarily, a program to satisfy needs that have obviously led to successful organization. Officially, action is limited to the dissemination of a barrage of propaganda — books, flyers, tapes, films, rally speeches, petitions, and bumper stickers — to the infiltration of various civic, political, church, and school organizations, to the formation of front committees and to the writing of letters. But often action has taken more subtle and disturbing forms under the traditional Birch mantle of secrecy and the Welch dictum that justifies the use at times of "mean and dirty" tactics.

## The National Activities

Some analysts have suggested that the Society's national program amounts to little more than the hard recruiting of new members — that all else is propaganda developed for recruitment purposes. In any event, the Society's basic biases have spawned certain causes and crusades which form the framework of its national effort. To this framework are hung the local front groups, the flood of pseudo-educational materials disseminated through a network of bookstores, and the loyalties of the members themselves.

The Society's early scattered shots at enemies far and wide have been gradually narrowed down to selected targets described in the Standard Agenda in the September, 1963, *Bulletin*. It is into this agenda, with only slight variations, that the national program has been jelled:

- I. Recruiting . . .
- II. The Movement to Impeach Warren . . .
- III. The United Nations — Get US Out . . .
- IV. Civil Rights . . .
- V. The Liberty Amendment . . .  
(abolish income tax)
- VI. Support Your Local Police . . .
- VII. American Opinion . . .
- VIII. American Opinion Libraries . . .
- IX. American Opinion Speakers Bureau . . .
- X. Conduct Study Clubs . . .
- XI. The Review of the News . . .
- XII. Your Own Reading . . .

The *Bulletin* urges support for some of the above items (e.g., Liberty Amendment) and damnation for others (e.g., Civil Rights). A series of Temporary Projects often follows — a torrent of letters to some unsuspecting senator, perhaps, or greeting cards to a Welch hero.

## The Attack on the UN

"There are more Communists in the United Nations building in New York than there are in the Kremlin." So wrote Robert Welch in the Society's *Bulletin* for May, 1965. As Public Relations Director Rousselot states it:

"The UN was originally designed and planned by key Communist sympathizers, and today the organization is controlled and administered by the Communists."

When Rousselot made this charge in a speech at the Birch-

dominated 1965 Rally for God and Country in Boston, G. Edward Griffin, a Society official from California, turned to the Eastern Public Relations Director, Tom Davis, and commented: "He's read my book."

Griffin's book, *The Fearful Master*, has recently been the Birch Society's chief weapon in the propaganda assault against the United Nations.

The author, comparing Americans to suicidal lemmings, writes that in supporting the United Nations, the United States "abandoned the secure ground of national strength and independence to leap into the boiling waters of internationalism." He sees the UN itself as a nest of spies and Communist murderers; says that loyalty to the UN is being designed to supplant loyalty to the United States, and that the loyalty eventually demanded will be to world Communism. These facts, he concludes, are all hidden from the American people because the UN, like all enemies of the Birch Society, is secret and conspiratorial.

Other anti-UN materials of the Society include postcards (a picture of the UN building labeled "The House That Hiss Built"), stickers of various sizes with the slogan "The UN — Get US Out" which are available for envelopes or auto bumpers, a special \$2 packet of propaganda which includes the Griffin book and a purported exposé of the World Health Organization by J. B. Matthews.

In Michigan, a group of Birchers added a wrinkle of their own when they flew over the stadium at the 1964 Michigan-Minnesota football game in a helicopter dragging a 50-foot "Get US Out" trailer.

## Mass Letter Writing

The Society's national anti-UN campaign has included several massive letter-writing efforts. In his November, 1964, *Bulletin*, Welch requested all Birch members to bombard Mrs. Norman Chandler, Walt Disney, and other directors of the new Los Angeles Music Center with mail protesting a decision to fly the UN flag over the project. For whatever reason, the flag did not fly, and Welch crowed of a victory.

In 1964, the John Birch Society declared war on the Xerox Corporation — after the company had announced its sponsorship of a projected series of television specials on the United Nations. Robert Welch immediately urged his members to send "a veritable flood" of letters to the corporation.

Xerox received 29,500 pieces of adverse mail even before the first broadcast reached the screen. A tabulation revealed that the 29,500 letters had been sent by only 6,000 individuals! During the next six months, in which Welch wrote several reminders, the company received another 15,700 letters, analyzed as having come from only 5,500 individuals. (During the same period Xerox received 4,400 pro-UN letters from about 4,400 individuals.)

## The Movement to Impeach Earl Warren

Visitors to the Indianapolis Speedway on Memorial Day, 1965, could not miss the huge outdoor billboard opposite the entrance. It advised:

"Save Our Republic. Impeach Earl Warren!"

The mammoth advertising space had been contracted by a local group calling itself the "Committee for Outdoor Advertising to Save Our Republic." A similar sign greeted

the civil rights marchers just outside the city of Selma, Ala., during their famous march early in 1965. There, the billboard was signed "The John Birch Society." There are hundreds of "Impeach Earl Warren" billboards on streets, roads and highways all across the country. The campaign is a Birch project.

The Birchers' appeal in the Selma area was, intentionally or not, to certain obvious emotions. But the official purposes of their now-famous "Movement to Impeach Earl Warren" are much broader. Welch wrote in the March, 1965, *Bulletin* that the proposal to impeach the Chief Justice of the United States was intended "to make men behave, not to give them more laws to distort and ignore. And the way to make the Justices on the present Supreme Court behave is to impeach the ringleader in their judicial crimes . . . ."

In May, Welch assessed the effort: "If and when we can make enough good citizens informed enough and aroused enough to force the impeachment of Warren, we shall have won a battle of tremendous importance in the total war." In short, the Society wants to persuade "good citizens" that the court of ultimate appeal in this country today is besmirched by terrible treason. The idea was expressed in an unsigned article in the July-August, 1965, issue of *American Opinion*:

"The theory that the Warren Court is working for a domestic, as distinct from foreign, dictatorship becomes less tenable every day."

To advance the idea of such infamy in high places the Birch Society sells a Warren Impeachment Packet — a \$2.45 bundle of propaganda for \$1, which includes the Robert Welch leaflet, *Republics and Democracies* (condemning democracy), and two pamphlets by Mississippi's Senator James O. Eastland (one entitled *Is the Supreme Court Pro-Communist?*).

Welch continually urges circulation of the packet, of a series of *Dan Smoot Reports* on the same subject, and of a one-page compendium entitled *Why Warren Should Be Impeached* — all explanations of "the role played by Earl Warren in the destruction of our republic." The large billboard posters displayed at Selma and elsewhere across the land are available through Society headquarters at \$20.

#### **An Aborted Plan**

A group of avid Birchers in the New York metropolitan area, encouraged by the Society's huge local growth during the election campaign, began secretly to plan an Impeach Warren saturation drive in the spring of 1965. It was to burst upon the tri-state area of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut like an unexpected comet on April 1 — with airplane trailers and motor cavalcades, spot advertising, sound trucks, rallies, and thousands of posters and billboards. But Belmont was never consulted on the plan. This was, in Welch's words, "due to the worst failure, or lapse, of communication within our staff organization itself, in the history of the Society." The result was the sacking of the local coordinator and a wrist-slapping for the New York Birchers who were guilty of straying from the proper authority within the Society monolith. Welch softened the blow by stating that most of their plans and materials could be "used to full advantage at a later date."

In the June, 1965, *Birch Bulletin*, Welch aimed the impeachment campaign in a frankly political direction. He

reported the Society's announced intention of making the question of Warren's impeachment a very important criterion by which to judge Congressional candidates in the Summer of 1966. Many on the American Right have been disturbed by Welch's goal of impeachment for the Chief Justice of the United States. They ask, why impeachment, instead of remedial legislation proposed by some ultra-conservatives?

Welch's answer: it is "simply that not enough people understand, or will get excited about, amendments to limit the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court. . . . While anybody and everybody can understand, and quickly acquire very strong feelings about, the impeachment of Earl Warren."

#### **The Community Level**

The influence of the John Birch Society — and of the Radical Right in general — is often most effective, most easily seen, and most keenly felt at the grass-roots level of American life. It is in the community that their political plans and their hopes to reverse the direction of American life and government — and even of world affairs — must inevitably begin. It is at the local level — in hundreds of cities, suburbs, towns and hamlets — that the 5,000 Birch chapters and the 80,000 or so Birch members have been feverishly toiling in recent years.

Robert Welch fully understands the importance of local community groups, civic organizations and voluntary committees in American life. He knows full well that the Birchers must penetrate and influence these vital sinews of American life if the Society is to achieve the counter-thrust it seeks at the national level — to repeal the last thirty years of American political, social and economic history since 1933.

The vital need for effective strength at the local level is obvious:

- Infiltration and the capture of positions of influence are more easily accomplished, and ultimately more effective, at the local level. The position of public librarian in the town of Boxford, Mass., for example, was held by a Birch member who had done public recruiting and organizing work for the Society. She lost her job after using it to promote the distribution of Birch literature through the library.

- The apathy of moderates is more in evidence, and offers more potent an opportunity for an extremist minority, at the local level. Turnouts for community or school board elections, for example, are notoriously low almost everywhere.

- There is a greater emotional pull on issues that "hit home" — particularly when the emotions can be buttressed with a manufactured fear, or where neighborhoods are split in bitterness.

- Greater political pressure, concentrated and personal, can be brought to bear on local, county and state officials, and on local businessmen.

- Pressures can be tightly organized, and it is easy to mount saturation propaganda drives reaching great percentages of the local population.

In the Washington, D.C.-Maryland area, where substantial Birch Society growth has recently taken place, activity is energetic and well-financed. A heavy volume of Birchite propaganda is distributed through six local book outlets. The membership has influential friends at state and county

legislative levels. In the Baltimore area, Birchers and their allies were instrumental in campaigns to kill an urban renewal program and various poverty program projects. In several Maryland counties they have been able to distribute Society materials to teachers in the schools. This is typical of Birch effectiveness on the local community level.

### 'Front' Groups

A major Birch activity in communities from coast to coast has been the establishment of front groups — often used as cloaks of respectability or anonymity — through which the national programs of the Society can be adapted to the local scene and new members lured into cooperation first and recruitment later. Very often these are committees named as being in "support of the police," or of "law and order," or of "God in our schools." Many have been called the "Committee to get the US Out of the UN"— although under the Birch drive for respectability, a New England group of that name became the "Committee to Promote Understanding of the United Nations." There are, likewise, many "Committees to Impeach Earl Warren"— but one in California's San Gabriel Valley has become the "Committee for Judicial Re-Education."

The "Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Committee" apparently has but one educational activity — it shows the new Birch Society recruiting film in and around the city of Taunton.

In newspaper advertisements, the Wakefield (Mass.) Forum not long ago announced a lecture series under its sponsorship at the Wakefield Memorial High School. The Forum did not identify itself as a Birch operation. But a local citizen, whose only Far Right link had been his registration on July 4, 1965, at Boston's "Rally for God and Country" (which itself had officially denied Birch Society affiliation), received a mailing from the Society's national headquarters in September. It included a handful of Birch literature, an application for tickets to the Wakefield Forum, and a map showing routes to the Wakefield High School.

The American Opinion Forum of Long Island (N.Y.), which also sponsored a series of "conservative" speakers, was more obvious. Its usherettes wore uniforms emblazoned with a gold-embroidered "JBS."

The purpose of such Committees and Forums is to expose the public to Birch ideology with the aim of recruitment — usually under the cloak of some righteous-sounding cause. The chairman of Connecticut's "Christian Committee for Prayers in Schools," for example, is the John Birch Society's paid state coordinator.

By infiltrating community organizations — school, civic, and church groups — and by harassing those it cannot dominate, or those of an opposing viewpoint (such as those fostering Civil Rights, civil liberties or the UN), the local Birch apparatus seeks to gain that measure of grass-roots control that is the necessary base of power.

### Attempted Takeovers

When a number of residents in Mount Prospect, Ill., called a preliminary meeting for the formation of a human relations council, the local Birch chapter leader (Chapter QRKJ) alerted all Society members in the area to the potential danger of "left-wingers." The Birchers showed up in strength at an organizational meeting of the new anti-bias group, packing its membership. They managed to have their own

people elected to office — some of whom had opposed formation of the council in the first place — and appointed to draft the proposed by-laws. They made it clear they wanted the organization to take a strong stand against race-mixing, ("mongrelizing"), to watch out for Communists, and perhaps to dissolve itself. Thus, a genuine community effort to improve relations between the races, and between persons of different religions, was to be made a shambles by the infiltration and tactics of John Birch Society members.

Late in November, 1965, a public meeting was called in Saratoga, Calif., to discuss ways to establish an Advisory Board of Directors for an Area Center of the Poverty Program. Establishment of the Board was a necessary step toward setting up the Area Center and the meeting had been called by an ad hoc committee for the district which included more than a half-dozen communities. Close to 250 persons were present, including several prominent members of the John Birch Society in the area, and when the voting came, it appeared that at least two-thirds of the audience were Birchers or their fellow-travelers. The Birchers elected all 18 members of the Advisory Board.

### A Local Front Group

The Birchers and their allies attempted takeovers, both in Mount Prospect and at Saratoga. In other communities across the nation, they have attacked on wider fronts. A case in point: Nashua, N.H. There the local Birchers operate through a front organization called the Southern New Hampshire Forum for American Opinion, Inc., which has helped fan the ideological fires by bringing to town a parade of speakers from the Birch bureau including Tom Anderson of the Birch Society Council, Julia Brown, Willis Stone, and Harold Lord Varney. They have been aided in their activities by the presence of a Nashua outlet of the "Let Freedom Ring" telephone message service which, during 1965, was warning about "treason right in the White House" and charging that the "National Council of Churches is openly promoting bloodshed through armed revolution by Negroes."

Another local outlet for the Birch line has been the Letters-to-the-Editor columns of the Manchester *Union-Leader*, which have seen long essays in thousands of words contributed by local Society members and coordinators. Even the Rightist-oriented editorial column of *Union-Leader* editor William Loeb, however, penetrated what it called the "sham" of the Southern New Hampshire Forum's name, declaring: "This is the John Birch Society. That's a fact, not our opinion."

But another fact, not so plainly noted, was that the Young Republican organization had been infiltrated and was under Birch control. This organization, rather than the front group, brought another of the Birch bureau's speakers into the Nashua area. He was Samuel Blumenfeld, now a Western Islands editor and one of Robert Welch's "international experts," who believes that democracy is all wrong and promises it will be replaced "when and if the John Birch Society becomes a dominant political force in America."

Blumenfeld's prophecy is in words; others act. A Catholic priest in North Attleboro, Mass., who advised his parishioners not to attend a lecture by Father Francis Fenton, a member of the Birch National Council, became the target of abusive telephone calls and a whispering campaign. In

Santa Barbara, Calif., a reporter who had exposed local Birch Society activities had his automobile tires slashed. The culprit is unknown.

#### **Schools and PTA's**

Birch members and other extremists use the democratic processes to harass local school boards and municipal governments.

A campaign begun by religious organizations in New Jersey to persuade schools and other municipal buildings to fly a pennant reading "One Nation Under God," together with the American Flag, aroused bitter controversies in some communities. It was seen by some as an effort to circumvent — or even to thumb the community nose at — rulings of the Supreme Court on questions of the separation of church and state. The Bergen (N.J.) *Record* disclosed that the sale of the "religious" pennants was a major local operation of Birch Society units, netting a new American Opinion bookstore in Bergen County some \$200 weekly.

School boards and parent-teacher associations have been a prime target of other Radical Rightist pressures on the community level in the last year or two. The National Education Association has estimated that one school district in every 30 "experienced some sort of attack, opposition or attempt to infiltrate the schools by the extremists and dissident critics."

In Carmichael, Calif., a local Birch Society member presented a petition to the school board demanding that a certain American history textbook be withdrawn as "subversive." She cited *American Opinion* poet E. Merrill Root as her expert authority. The Carmichael *Courier* reported that after her speech before the board, the lady — representing a "Committee for the Return of Morality" — screamed at the president of the local teachers' association that she would see him "burn in hell" because of his opposition to extremist views.

In 1960, Welch advised his followers to "join your local PTA at the beginning of the school year, get your conservative friends to do likewise, and go to work to take it over." Birchers around the country have been doing so, and the Society has reaped a whirlwind of adverse publicity and public hostility from mothers across the land who devote countless hours to sincere PTA work.

#### **Rousselot's Denial**

When the adverse publicity mounted, Rousselot — in February, 1965 — wrote to the *Christian Science Monitor* which had published an Associated Press dispatch under the headline "PTA Tells of Extremist Pressures." Blandly ignoring Welch's September, 1960, plea that Birchers should take over local PTAs, Rousselot admitted that members were encouraged to join PTAs, but "not because the society has any intention of taking over . . ."

Rousselot said that the Birchers wanted only to expose the PTA "to conservative thinking." He argued that "liberal elements within the PTA should welcome the ideological competition which results from contact with conservatives." Adding that the Society had "never encouraged society members to foment discord within the PTA," he said, members were counselled at all times to be "morally correct and in every way decent."

Exactly how local Birchers carried out these strictures was, perhaps, exemplified in Upper Saddle River, N.J., where Birchers, in the face of public indifference, seized control of the local PTA. While there was some indication that clashing personalities may have been involved, it was also a fact that the man who had been nominated for PTA President had been active in inter-racial activities. As the PTA election approached, he was made the subject of a whispering campaign — that he was a "nigger-lover." At the election meeting, a large proportion of Birchers and their allies were present; most PTA members were not. The Presidency and the Vice-Presidency went to Birch Society members. Happily, the publicity alerted indifferent PTA members who, in the year the Birchers held office, effectively restrained them.

#### **Threat to PTA**

This episode suggests that the Birchers can be successful not only in capturing other PTAs, but even in taking them out of the PTA national organization, as has, in fact, happened.

The Birch view of the PTA was, perhaps, spelled out in recorded telephone messages broadcast by the "Let Freedom Ring" stations often run by local Birch Society members. LFR said that the PTA was Communist-infiltrated.

National PTA President Mrs. Jennelle Moorhead reported that by early 1965, tactics of intimidation, coercion, and misrepresentation by Birchers and other extremists had become commonplace. She said that in her opinion, "these extremists are not really after the PTA but are attempting to gain control of it to get at their real objective — the educational system."

UNICEF — the UN Children Fund — is also a target of the Birchers, who have zeroed in on the Halloween "trick or treat" collections which school children make to bring in coins for UNICEF. In Needham, Mass., a local Birch gave some children boxes of candy with a telephone number on a sticker affixed to the boxes. The number was for the local "Let Freedom Ring" Radical Right telephone message propaganda operation; those who called the number heard an attack on UNICEF and a plug for the Birch book on the UN by Griffin.

At Falmouth, Mass., on Cape Cod, a local Birch leader persuaded the Pilgrim Youth Fellowship of the First Congregational Church, consisting of high school students, to vote against supporting the 1965 UNICEF drive in the community.

Another effort by the Birchers to reach American youth took place on a national scale in the Fall of 1965. Each of the 5,000 Society chapters was asked to distribute — to college freshmen — 25 copies of *None Dare Call It Treason*, the paperback book by John Stormer, charging the national administrations of the last 30 years with treason. (The book was distributed by the millions during the 1964 Presidential election campaign by Birchers and other Radical Rightists.) In line with Welch's suggestion, Society members sent a personal note to each freshman recipient, urging that he read the Stormer book "to get some idea . . . of the true state of affairs in the world and his own country as against optimistic and deceptive twaddle he is so likely to be fed in most of the academic halls of today."

### Attacks on the Press

Another American institution which has been the target of Birchers and other Radical Rightists is the nation's free press. In November, 1964, the California Newspaper Publishers Association found it necessary to launch a long-range campaign against "right-wing and left-wing attempts to discredit newspapers and other news media."

A report by a CNPA committee which studied the problem said in part:

"Members of the John Birch Society and other extreme right-wing groups have joined the long list of left-wing extremist groups which have, for at least a generation, vigorously and viciously attacked the integrity of the reporting in the press, have attempted to discredit and damage economically newspapers with which they disagree and have sought to bring into being more news media which will be subservient in reflecting their own prejudices."

The report said the attacks were particularly acute during the 1964 Presidential campaign, but added that there was "abundant evidence that the derogation of newspapers will not end after the election...."

Two months earlier, publishers H. H. Ridder of the Long Beach *Independent* and L. Finder of the Sacramento *Union* told the Publishers Association of anti-press efforts by both extremes, but characterized the campaign of the ultra-right John Birch Society and Birch-connected affiliates as most effective and most dangerous. Jack Baldwin of the Long Beach *Independent* confirmed their findings in his report on a nationwide investigation he and a colleague had conducted over a period of eight months.

Ridder, Finder and Baldwin said the attack on the press was in two parts. First, *Editor & Publisher* reported, "is a general attack on all of the press that is not under the control of the John Birch Society. Second is the picking off of one paper at a time and attempted intimidation to force submission to the organization's dictation."

The three newsmen cited wide-ranging tactics used by extremists against the press. These included: "vituperative letters, threatening boycotts of advertisers, picketing, loading of a newspaper's mail to the point where it is unmanageable, jamming classified advertising telephone lines, and telephoned midnight threats of bodily harm to publishers, editors and their families."

Late in 1965, there began to be evidence that Birchers and other Radical Rightists in California were buying suburban dailies and weeklies, and shopping news "throwaways," in what appeared to be the beginning of an effort to build a Birchite radical rightist press network in the myriad California suburbs. In mid-1965, for example, the Downey (Calif.) *Live Wire* was sold to a group that included a John Birch Society coordinator.

### Calling All Cars\*

One of the most persistent Birch Society campaigns of the last few years — and to some, one of the more alarming ones — is wrapped up in the Birch slogan, "Support Your Local Police." It is both a part of the national Birch program and an intensive local activity; it involves infiltration and it makes use of front groups; it is a holding maneuver against the enemy, a Society recruiting device, a propaganda slogan and a hullabaloo of buttons and bumper-stickers.

The campaign, begun originally in the Society's *Bulletin* of July, 1963, was obviously designed to exploit the so-called white backlash and to win friends for Welch's movement — and more particularly, to draw recruits wearing blue uniforms into the Birch chapters.

As it began, Welch declared policemen to be "the best friends everywhere of anti-Communists, like overselves." The question that immediately arose stemmed from the Welch-Birch view of all-pervading Communism in American life. Just how would friendship with the Birch sort of "anti-Communist" affect the required neutrality and objectivity of law enforcement officers? For example, with respect to police handling of civil rights problems? The Birch drive had been kicked off in that first *Bulletin* with a paragraph of generous praise for the handling of Negro demonstrators by the police of Birmingham, Ala. — including their use of police dogs against peaceful demonstrators.

### Hundreds of Committees

Within a year, hundreds of Committees to Support Your Local Police were established in communities all over the country. They have since distributed literally tons of Society literature and served as recruitment teams.

Through such local efforts the Birch Society has enlisted, according to publicity chief Rousselot, "growing number of police and personnel in sheriff's departments throughout the country." Such recruitment has been pressed vigorously; in many cities its success, and the possibilities of police-Birch alliances, have become matters of deep concern.

In Santa Ana, Calif. — a city of 100,000 lying 30 miles southeast of Los Angeles — the membership of the Birch Society's Chapter QXTZ was composed of 23 city police officers. A private detective assigned by the city manager to investigate a mysterious campaign of harassment against Police Chief Edward Allen (such as anonymous telephone calls at night; an unsigned pamphlet questioning his honesty; the theft of his badges at headquarters and false alarms that dispatched fire trucks to his home) reported that the incidents had been perpetrated by members of QXTZ as a power play to get rid of a chief they did not like.

The John Birch chapter controlled the Santa Ana Police Benevolent Association, all of its officials but one being QXTZ members, and under this controlling majority the PBA by-laws were changed to enable a grievance committee to hear secret testimony against Chief Allen. One lieutenant was later dismissed from the force for engaging in Birch recruiting while on duty and for misappropriating a police vehicle. He allegedly used it while on a secret snooping mission aimed at discrediting the chief.

Other communities have witnessed what may be the beginning of a process that tears at departmental loyalties and community unity. For example:

- Two police officers in Minneapolis, one of them a deputy inspector, openly criticized the nation's courts in addresses delivered before a meeting of Birch Society members.

- In Salisbury, Mass., all persons attending the 1965 Police Association banquet on June 23 were given copies of a "Support Your Local Police" pamphlet published by the Birch Society.

- The police chief of Trenton, N. J., quoted the Society's

monthly *Bulletin* verbatim in a departmental memo sent to all his men.

• James J. Allman, director of community relations for the St. Louis Police Department, resigned his position recently to become the Birch Society's paid coordinator for the state of Missouri.

• In New Jersey, State Trooper George Demetry resigned from the force to take a full-time job as a Society organizer. The State Police Superintendent said that a conference with Demetry indicated the trooper had allowed his personal philosophy to influence his professional behavior.

• In Newark, N.J., a policeman was given a three-month leave of absence to conduct Birch recruiting activities. He later went to work permanently as a Society coordinator.

• In Los Angeles, Rousselot claimed, in the Fall of 1965, that at least three district attorney's investigators, more than 25 policemen, about 15 sheriff's deputies and other law enforcement personnel were members of the Society.

• Official Birch material has been placed on the police bulletin board in Rockford, Ill., and on at least one precinct bulletin board in New York City.

• A large number of city policemen attended a rally at New York's Town Hall auditorium in July, 1965; the rally was sponsored by the Birch Society's American Opinion Speakers Bureau. A New York *Post* reporter judged that the officers, identifiable by their Police Benevolent Association badges, made up a majority of the audience. One of the speakers, a Birch Society Section Leader, declared: "Some people hate the police. The Birch Society has the answer — it is the only hope for the world."

• Mayor James H. J. Tate of Philadelphia, Pa., in placing 15 city policemen on limited duty because of their Birch Society recruiting activities, explained: "They have limited their capacity and usefulness to the Police Department." He added that Birch members are, by their very membership, "against certain groups in the big cities."

Chief William H. Parker of Los Angeles, on the other hand, is not concerned about Society membership among his men because the organization is "not on the subversive list." A young patrolman, suspended by Parker last June for his off-duty participation in the activities of the Congress of Racial Equality (which also is not on the subversive list) charged that the department had "given tacit endorsement" to the recruiting of police officers into the Right Wing ranks. On May 30, Chief Parker himself had appeared for an interview on the Manion Forum, the weekly radio broadcast

of Clarence Manion, a member of the Birch Society's National Council. During that interview Parker vehemently attacked the courts and decried a "socialistic trend" in American life which, he charged, "involves an increased emphasis on the rights of the individual."

#### Dangers

The John Birch Society is similarly concerned about the enlargement of individual rights, especially those that have been termed civil rights. The Society believes the civil rights movement to have been conceived by Communists, carried out by Communists, and controlled by Communists. This Birch line on civil rights is one of the potential dangers of police membership in the Birch Society.

Another danger in Birchite influence in the field of law enforcement is the Society's view of American law itself: it preaches that much of existing law is unconstitutional and perhaps even subversive, and that the courts of the country are serving a Communist conspiracy.

#### Hidden Membership

Still another danger lies in the possible manipulation of the police power itself by a quasi-political force that subscribes to a strange, extremist creed and whose members take direction from a leader who controls their monolithic organization. Most important is the fact that membership in the John Birch Society (like membership in the Communist Party), is not open and above-board. It is most often secret — which means that local police departments cannot know whether any particular officer is a Society member, and whether he may therefore have divided loyalties.

Commenting on police membership in the Birch Society, Mayor Tate remarked: "This is the way the Nazi Party began."

Though the Society has had only limited success in infiltration so far, the value of the "Support your Local Police" campaign for purposes of public image, and as an aid in general recruiting, should not be underestimated.

The real significance of the campaign, however, lies perhaps in its implication for the civil rights movement. For Welch began it — at least in the pages of the Birch Society *Bulletin* — with the situation in Birmingham, where the police and civil rights workers were clearly squared off against each other. The implication was that civil rights activity was a lawless cause, quite aside from the Birch charge that it is controlled by Communists.

## Public Relations

During the period of its recent membership growth the Society began to use modern public relations techniques to change its public image. The Society is seeking to lose the flavor of secrecy and irresponsible extremism and to develop an aura of respectability. It is striving to portray itself as a group of conservative, patriotic citizens, dedicated to saving the Republic from the Communist influence it says pervades all aspects of American life, an influence aided and abetted by five Presidents, by cabinet members, judges and other national leaders.

Sen. Goldwater's ringing defense of extremism at the 1964 Republican National Convention helped start the image change, giving to extremists of the Radical Right a degree of respectability which aided their growth in the months that followed. And the Society itself began a major effort that very same summer with the establishment of its own Public Relations Department.

To head the campaign, Welch chose former Rep. John H. Rousselot, a California Republican and a personable public relations man, who had served for almost two years as the Society's Western States "Governor" following his 1962 defeat in a bid for re-election to Congress as one of the two known Birchers in the lower House.

Rousselot, whose "Beliefs and Principles of the John Birch Society" — after being entered into the *Congressional Record* — became a standard Society leaflet, is assisted by Regional Public Relations Managers — one in the East, one in the Midwest, one in the Southwest, and one in Washington, D.C. Thomas Davis, a former major coordinator, is the Eastern Manager for public relations, working out of the recently-established Society office in White Plains, N.Y. Roger Morrison, an attractive young man, is Midwest Manager and makes his headquarters at the new Society office at Glenview, Ill., just outside Chicago. Rex Westerfield is in charge of the Southwest and is based in Dallas. Reed Benson, the Society's Washington, D.C. representative, handles public relations in the Capital, working out of the new Society office there.

Rousselot's headquarters is at San Marino, Calif., a wealthy Los Angeles suburb, but he makes frequent trips to oversee the regional offices, and spends a good deal of time at Belmont, just as Welch spends increasing time in California.

Birch Society public relations ranges from the sublime — the colorful and thoroughly professional Sunday news supplement — to the ridiculous, the Society's telephone number at its Washington office being "1984."

### The Birch Sunday Supplement

The expensive, multi-colored 16-page Sunday Supplement was Rousselot's first major project as Public Relations Director of the Society. Printed by rotogravure with negatives supplied by Birch headquarters itself, the Supplement soft-pedals Welch's wild charges against President Eisenhower and other American leaders of the last three decades. Ignoring the more extreme Birch positions on public affairs, the Supplement portrays the Society as a polished, responsible, advisory council of dedicated, prominent, patriotic citizens of conservative viewpoint whose only aim is to

fight Communism and to restore high moral, civic and religious idealism to America.

While the Supplement was written by the Society's headquarters under Rousselot's supervision, it is printed locally and the cost in each city is borne by local Birch members and wealthy supporters who often make their contributions anonymously.

The Supplement first appeared in September, 1964, in the *Los Angeles Times* and the *Los Angeles Herald Examiner*. The cost was about \$75,000. An additional \$25,000 reportedly was spent on radio and other promotion — a total cost of almost \$100,000, contributed by a wealthy Californian.

The Supplement was placed in some 16 leading newspapers such as the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Detroit Free Press*, the *Boston Herald* (which gave the proceeds to charity while criticizing the Society), the *Pittsburgh Press*, the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*, the *Milwaukee Journal*, the *Indianapolis Times*, and the *Dallas Morning News*. In Houston, copies of the Supplement were mailed directly to individual homes, addressed merely to "Occupant."

The authoritative *Advertising Age* reported that during 1964, the John Birch Society spent \$305,475 for advertising space.

### Words of Praise

In its effort to create a more respectable image, one page in the Supplement carries photographs of well-known Americans, quoting each in a few good words for the Birch organization. Included are Sen. Strom Thurmond (R., S.C.); Tom Anderson, a member of the Society's own National Council; Rev. J. L. Ward, a Negro Birch ally; and former Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson, who served in the Eisenhower Cabinet and whose son, Reed, is the Society's Washington, D.C. representative.

On the following page there appears the picture and a laudatory quote from an "ordinary" member — the only one so honored. She is identified as Mrs. Beth Cleminson of San Gabriel, Calif., who explains in the quotation why she joined the Society. Persons who have corresponded with the Society's office in San Marino, Calif., recognize Mrs. Cleminson's name. She is secretary to Rousselot.

Indicative of the techniques employed in the Society's public relations project for 1964 was the use — in the original Los Angeles version of the Supplement — of the pictures of Dwight Eisenhower and J. Edgar Hoover, each accompanied by a quotation apparently praising the John Birch Society. Welch's characterization of Gen. Eisenhower as "a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy" was by that time a matter of public knowledge all across the country. The former President's public expression of distaste for the Society, and its attempt to use his name, forced a change in the Supplement. All reference to him was deleted. Said Eisenhower:

"I have no respect whatsoever for that individual or for anyone else who associates himself with such unconscionable practices."

As for FBI Director Hoover, the anti-Communist quotation attributed to him had been made many years earlier in a statement to a Congressional committee. Later versions of the Supplement indicated that the Hoover quotation

should not be viewed as an endorsement of the Birch Society; apparently protests must have been registered here too.

### **'The Politician' Problem**

Welch's charge that President Eisenhower was an agent of Communism has been one of the most serious problems that has faced the Society. It has caused considerable chagrin to its constituency, some of whom have stated publicly that they do not agree on that point with the man whose leadership they follow dutifully and who runs the monolithic Society with a firm hand.

Rousselot was quoted in the Sacramento *Bee* of April 11, 1965 as stating publicly that Welch had been right about Eisenhower. On the other hand, he has tried to disassociate the Society from the extremist views of Welch on the subject of President Eisenhower, Milton Eisenhower, the late John Foster Dulles, and ex-CIA Chief Allen Dulles, all of whom were branded as agents of Communism by Welch in his notorious book, *The Politician*.

In a June 22, 1965, press release, Rousselot quoted Welch as stating:

"Neither The John Birch Society nor its members have ever had any connection with *The Politician* in any way...."

The statement was less than completely candid. *The Politician*, expurgated, has received widespread distribution through the organized efforts of Society officials and Society members ever since Welch published it. The cleansed version which appeared in early 1963 contained softer language about President Eisenhower. But it did not alter the basic thrust that the former President was a Communist agent. (Society members were never explicitly told that the published version differed in its text from the original, although an explanation was included in the revised text. Instead they — and the public — were told to "Read It and Judge For Yourself"— as if the readers were getting the original version.)

Not only are individual Birchers active in distributing *The Politician*. It is sold in every American Opinion bookstore. It is advertised in Birch Society publications. It is loaned to new members by the chapters, each of which receives a free copy. It has been recommended in the Birch *Bulletin* as a tool for recruiting, and it is promoted at Birch meetings and rallies.

### **A Measure of Success**

Recently, Welch described the United States as "an insane asylum, run by its worst patients." Yet the Society has had a measure of success in its efforts to improve its image and achieve a measure of respectability. Rousselot, Davis and the other public relations men — clean-cut, conservative-looking, button-down shirt types — have made themselves more easily accessible and available to the press, to radio and to TV. When they do not have to debate well-informed opponents, and can expound dedicated patriotism and anti-Communism without having to cope with the problem of Welch's extremism, they come across to the average listener as mere conservatives. When pressed, however, they are the prisoners of the real Birch line that the nation is well down the road to Communism and that the whole American society is heavily infested with Communistic influences.

A stable of Birchite speakers has brought the Birch line

to college campuses, local civic associations, service clubs and veterans' organizations. The Birchers take booths at state and county fairs. There was a Birch booth at the 10-day Illinois State Fair in 1965, and at some dozen county fairs in that state alone. Local chapters have entered patriotic floats in many a holiday parade; some have even won prizes.

In at least one California community, the Chamber of Commerce lists the Birch cell as a recognized community organization. National Council member Tom Anderson spoke at the Americanism program of the DeMotte, Ind., American Legion post, in April, 1965, and Council member Clarence Manion was a featured speaker at the convention of the California Real Estate Association in September, 1965. When an American Opinion bookstore was opened last year in the Milwaukee suburb of Wauwatosa, its Mayor, Ervin A. Meier, personally cut the tape at a formal ceremony attended by Welch.

### **Continuing Problems**

Yet the Society remains trapped, in its efforts to build a better image, by its own extremism, by the activities already mentioned of some of its members in making anti-Semitic materials available at American Opinion bookstores, and by a lack of public relations sense on the part of some of its officials.

For example, although Welch announced back in 1963 that he had revoked the membership of Robert De Pugh, gun-toting leader of the para-military Minutemen, the Kansas City *Star* reported on September 16, 1965 that when De Pugh addressed a local "conservative" group in August, he had been introduced by James Kernodle, a Kansas City section leader of the Birch Society.

Again, when Reed Benson opened the Washington, D.C. office in September, 1965, reporters asked whether he thought President Johnson to be guilty of treasonable acts. Benson replied:

"The Constitution defines treason as giving aid and comfort to the enemy, and I believe we are giving aid and comfort to the enemy. What do you call it?"

### **An Embarrassing Episode**

Toward the end of 1965, the Birch Society was confronted with an embarrassing public relations problem — right in its own New England back yard. A local Birch leader in Middleboro, Mass., inserted an ad in a local paper, announcing a Society meeting. The ad quoted six lines from a letter written some years ago by Richard Cardinal Cushing of Boston in which he had praised Welch and endorsed the Society — a letter whose content the Cardinal had later repudiated.

When Cardinal Cushing learned that his old letter was again being used by Birch Society members, he wrote Welch to protest:

"It is happening again and again. Your field agents . . . use a letter I sent years ago . . .

"What am I to do with regard to having my name misused in this fashion? You know that I have absolutely nothing to do with the John Birch Society — I was never a member of it and I simply cannot understand the means this organization uses in recruiting members. . . .

"If I had had this ad in my hands last Saturday, I would have had every Catholic Church in the neighbor-

hood announce on the following day that they were to disregard this publicity in its entirety and at the same time advise the Catholic people that I have no respect for or confidence in those behind the Middleboro Branch of the John Birch Society.

"I have yet to find a member of the Society whom I would trust as a result of the way its leaders have used a letter I sent years ago to some one in California in which I paid you a high personal tribute. What a fool I was to put in writing my one time admiration and affection for you."

Leo Kahian, the Middleboro Birch leader responsible for the ad, said later he had made a mistake in quoting the old letter by the Cardinal and that he had not known that the Society warned all chapters in May, 1964, not to use it.

The Boston Sunday *Herald* reported that Welch had sent a letter of apology to Cardinal Cushing, but the publication in the same paper of the Cardinal's sharp letter to Welch did nothing to enhance the Society's image in the heavily Catholic areas of New England.

#### **Public Relations and Recruiting**

Public relations techniques aid Birch Society recruiting,

but are not a substitute for the actual, continuing, recruitment program being carried out by the Society. The 75 co-ordinators in the field, backstopped by a team at headquarters who supervise various geographical areas of the country, are the heart of the Birch Society's organizing apparatus. They are the key to keeping existing chapters hewing to the Birch line and working full blast on Society projects, and to organizing new chapters as well.

It costs the Society roughly \$15,000 to put a new coordinator into the field, including his first year's salary and the books and equipment he needs, such as films, projectors, and tape recorders. The 35 coordinators who have been added to the Society's staff in the last 18-24 months, therefore, represent an investment by the Society of about half-a-million dollars. But to put new salesmen into the field requires a steady and growing reservoir of capital to sustain them during the training and initial period of work — until they organize enough new chapters to achieve a kind of self-supporting status through the dollar inflow which new members supply. Which is why Welch, Rousset and the Society's professional staff, aided by National Council members and key supporters across the country, devote a major part of their time to fund-raising.

# Political Crash Program

Immediately after the 1964 election campaign, Welch began looking ahead to the needs and goals of the Society for 1965 and 1966. The focus—and the target—was to be 1966 which offered the convenient horizon of another nationwide march to the polls to elect members of Congress.

In March, 1965, Welch sought to launch a crash program of massive fund-raising which he outlined in a 24-page booklet entitled *Looking Ahead*. Its target audience was wealthy business men who had previously helped the Society with contributions. The appeal was "hard sell" and Welch set forth his goals plainly. He proposed to double the Society's size in 1965 as he had in 1964, and to redouble it in 1966. The reason: to influence the outcome of the 1966 Congressional elections. The method: the placement of 1000 Birch members—50 chapters—in each of 325 Congressional Districts to act as "ideological salesmen" and to help elect "conservative" candidates. Needed to do the job: working capital in the amount of \$6 million for 1965 and \$12 million in 1966.

In setting the target of doubling in 1965 and redoubling in 1966, Welch wrote that "there is nothing to prevent our achieving this rate of growth during both years except the money to finance it. But a geometric expansion of our size and influence requires a geometric expansion of income running ahead of it."

## New Capital Needed

New capital was needed also for an increase in publishing activities, for new films and projectors, for the wholesale service to bookstores, for expansion of *American Opinion* and the speakers' bureau, and for "more supervisory help than we have ever had before."

Welch pleaded for a prompt influx of big money "through the following sources or channels:

"1. Direct contributions to the John Birch Society . . .

"2. Purchases of our publications, to be distributed either by the purchaser or by ourselves in accordance with the purchaser's specifications . . .

"3. Loans to *American Opinion* at five percent interest, with either a three-year or a five-year maturity . . ."

"We are facing up squarely to a . . . supremely important undertaking," Welch continued. "So we are talking about a lot of money, and the sums now required may seem frighteningly large."

That was March, 1965. By July, Welch had to admit the crash fund-raising was—at least temporarily—a failure. And to all the members then came a nine-page letter, originally intended for a mere 50 persons in the "big money" class, and printed under the title, *A Stick of Dynamite* (to blast "apathetic minds"). The new appeal put a frank \$3 million "price tag" on the Birch program for the immediate future. "Or, in simple language," Welch wrote in July, "we have to raise three million dollars, over and above the normal flow of money from our membership at large—and we have to raise it now."

Concerning his *Looking Ahead* appeal four months earlier, Welch wrote that "for whatever reason we do not know, that pamphlet brought us very little of the 'big money' needed to carry out its projected accomplishment." Now, the "big money" was to be blasted out by Welch's

dynamite "with great regret but no apology"—and potential contributors were informed plainly that "checks may be made out to The John Birch Society, or to *American Opinion*, or to *Correction, Please!*, or to Escrow Account No. 78. They may be sent as straight contributions or, if preferred in the case of larger amounts, as five-year loans to *American Opinion* at five percent interest to serve our urgent need for working capital."

(The Escrow Account No. 78 is probably an account maintained by the Society for contributors who do not wish to draw their checks openly to the order of an identifiable Birch Society operation. The "78" apparently was taken from the Society's old postal zone number—Belmont 78, Mass.)

## Circumstantial Evidence

There is no certain way of telling exactly how successful Welch was with his second "Stick of Dynamite" appeal for big money. But circumstantial evidence clearly indicates that it achieved enough to make possible the expansion of the Society in the second half of 1965. One source of money which the Society tapped with apparent success was the Testimonial Dinner for Founder Welch himself. At least five such affairs were held in various cities—Los Angeles, Phoenix, Dallas, New York and Chicago—and the gross was more than \$200,000. The charge was \$25 a plate in Phoenix, Dallas and Chicago; and \$50 a plate in Los Angeles and New York.

Phoenix drew 1100 persons, Dallas, 1000, Los Angeles, 1700, New York, 1100, and Chicago, 750—which adds up to a total of \$211,250.

Birchers in New York were under the most intense pressure to attend. Because of the high price per plate, credit was extended to members—a kind of "testimonial dine now and pay later" plan that made it hard for members to say no.

The best evidence that Welch's hard-sell fund-raising appeals of March and July, 1965, and the testimonial dinners, brought in the necessary funds can be seen in just a few financial details he disclosed. By year's end, he was boasting that the Society was spending \$125,000 a month for printing alone—up \$40,000 a month. New coordinators were added to the Birch staff—ten or twelve men. Other arms of the apparatus, such as Western Islands and the Research Dept., appeared to be operating with more personnel. The payroll, which Welch put at the \$30,000-a-week level in March, climbed to \$40,000 by year's end—an approximate annual increase of more than half-a-million dollars.

Quite aside from operating expenditures, the Society has problems of capital outlay—for miscellaneous office and shipping room machinery, for new office equipment, for new films and projectors for the army of coordinators and section leaders. What it all added up to was a need—and a drive—to raise an additional \$3,000,000 during 1965. By the end of the year, it seemed clear that the Birchers were spending \$6,000,000 a year—or almost—and in November, Welch was running an operation spending more than \$100,000 a week.

But even more significant was the openly political pur-

pose for which the fund-raising and intensified recruitment drives were mounted. The target was the 1966 Congressional elections. Welch is aiming at nothing less than changing the political complexion of the United States Congress by mobilizing local Birch power to influence voting results at the local level. The whole crash program of fund-raising is, in fact, tied to the need for more recruiting, and the need for recruiting is tied by Welch to the political goal.

He spelled it out plainly in *Looking Ahead*:

"There are 435 Congressional Districts in the United States. Except in extremely rare instances and under the most unusual circumstances, there is no doubt that one hundred chapters of The John Birch Society, in any Congressional District, can exercise enough influence over political thinking within that district to control the political action there. And this would be done, without the Society itself ever endorsing a candidate, or taking any direct action in politics; but simply by our members proceeding on their own initiative from the basic principles and purposes of the Society, and persuading others to do the same . . .

"As a practical matter, therefore, let's consider what we could do with 50 chapters per district in 75% of the Congressional Districts in the whole United States . . .

"Now our chapters average about twenty members each. This means that we are talking about a working force of one thousand members for each Congressional District . . .

"Think of your own Congressional District and imagine one thousand truly informed and deeply dedicated neighborhood, community, and regional leaders, ceaselessly at work — nights as well as days, and weekends as well as nights — to inform and convince their fellow citizens."

The transparently political goal tended to surprise those who had listened for several years to the bland assurances of Welch, Rousselot and other Birch spokesmen, protesting that the John Birch Society was a non-political organization, and that its members were free to support whomever they wished in elections.

#### ***The Political Cadre***

But it should not be forgotten that the Society is a political cadre of thoroughly indoctrinated, zealous and dedicated activists. As the Communists considered themselves the vanguard of the proletariat — of the Radical Left — so Robert Welch views his body of men and women as the vanguard and the elite leadership corps of the Radical Right. And just as the Communist goal was — and is — political power, so too, the ultimate goal of the Birch Society is political power.

Both concentrate on propaganda and recruitment, on getting their message to enough people to recruit a strong cadre to their ranks. This is called "education," whether it is carried out by the Radical Left or the Radical Right. But when the cadre is built, and as it keeps growing, the process of infiltration and penetration into the vital organs of the

target society begins to take place. Sometimes candidates are nominated, and a few even elected. But the cadre does not really expect to win many contests at the polls. Political activity is a vehicle for propaganda and recruitment, and an instrument for building the movement to larger proportions. Years ago, Welch had this to say — as the tenth point in his program for launching the Society:

"Finally, and probably most important of all these courses of action, we would put our weight into the political scales in this country just as fast and far as we could. For unless we can eventually, and in time, reverse by political action the gradual surrender of the United States to Communism, the ultimate alternative of reversal by military uprising is fearful to contemplate."

Welch went on to explain why the country could not be saved by the Republican Party alone, or by political leaders (including Barry Goldwater) in the Republican Party. The Republican Party, he said, could not win "unless it has strong help and backing from forces outside of the straight political organization — such as the Democratic Party has on the other side in Walter Reuther's Committee on Political Education."

Welch added (and repeated in the Fall of 1964 — after the Presidential election):

"We are at a stage, gentlemen, where the only sure political victories are achieved by non-political organization; by organization which has a surer, more positive, and more permanent purpose than the immediate political goals that are only a means to an end; by organization which has a backbone, and cohesiveness and strength, and definiteness of direction which are impossible for the old-style political party organization . . .

"We would have to move into this field, gentlemen, with a body of our own. . . . But with a million men and the resources consistent with the dedication of those men which we are presupposing, we could move in on the elections thereafter with both more man power and more resources than Reuther will be able to marshal by that time."

There is little doubt that when Welch formed the Birch Society at Indianapolis in 1958, he believed he would have no special problem in mobilizing a million members in due course — and certainly far before 1966. Today, he is still struggling below the 100,000 mark. But this obvious failure should blind no one to the essential and ultimate goal of the Society — political influence and power. That fight the Birch Society has not yet lost.

All Birch activity since 1958 has been, then, a necessary prelude to the achievement of political influence and power. The 1966 objectives of the Society — short run objectives, in plain fact — are merely a step on a longer road. And despite the unprecedented volume of criticism that has been directed at Welch and his Society in recent years — dating back to 1960 when Welch's manuscript on Eisenhower was exposed by the American press — the John Birch Society has come a good piece down the road its Founder has set for it.

## *The JBS and the GOP*

In the Birch Society's penetration of American Society, the single most important step has been the infiltration of the Republican Party by Welch's dedicated and indoctrinated cadres.

The ordeal of the Republican Party in its struggle with the intrusion of extremism in its ranks has been a matter of public record since the 1964 GOP convention at the Cow Palace in San Francisco. The problem existed when the delegates convened. (The Birchers claim that some 100 delegates and alternates in San Francisco were Birch Society members.) It grew during the campaign period when the Birchers, on the heels of Sen. Goldwater's ringing defense of extremism, moved into the campaign and used it as a vehicle for their own special purposes of propaganda and recruitment. Birchers moved into the Party in increasing numbers, and some party members moved into the Birch Society in a cross-fertilization whose results have been apparent ever since: fattened Society strength and greater Birchite influence at the grass-roots levels of the GOP itself.

The event that apparently led to a move, late in 1965, for a Republican Party repudiation of the John Birch Society was the entry of Bircher Richard Murphy into the Republican primary against incumbent Sen. Karl Mundt, of South Dakota, a staunch Republican conservative. Murphy announced he would challenge Mundt for the nomination on September 8, 1965. He conceded that Mundt was a conservative, but said the Senator had been far too liberal in his votes supporting farm price support programs, civil rights, foreign aid, and federal aid to education.

### ***The Morton Statement***

Less than a month later, Sen. Thruston Morton of Kentucky, former GOP National Chairman and himself a moderate conservative, declared in Washington:

"As a partisan Republican, I am concerned by the fact that the John Birch Society has picked my party . . . as the vehicle to promulgate its monolithic philosophy."

"There are three organizations in this country which give me grave doubts as a citizen: the Communist Party, the Ku Klux Klan, and the John Birch Society. Although their goals differ, they have one thing in common, and that is secrecy . . .

"During the 1940s, the Communist Party tried to infiltrate the great Democratic Party. They didn't do it . . .

"What really concerns me is that a secret society should threaten and attempt to destroy one of our two great political parties. The Birchites label the late John Foster Dulles and Dr. Milton Eisenhower as Communists. They label General Dwight Eisenhower as a Communist sympathizer. They imply that Barry Goldwater is a Socialist. In my book, these men are great Americans. I don't think we have any room in the Republican Party for a clandestine organization engaged in character assassination."

Morton was also quoted as saying that "it's not the Birch membership I'm aiming at. Most of the members would be welcome into the Republican Party. But the leadership takes over the party at the precinct level. This is a threat to our party . . . you have to think their way — or you are

out. They take over the precinct organization and if you are not with them, you are out."

The Kentucky Senator gave an example of what scared him:

"I was talking to a John Bircher out in Illinois. He asked me, 'How are we going to get rid of Percy (Charles Percy, GOP candidate for Governor of Illinois in 1964 and chairman of Bell and Howell), that Communist, and Dirksen, that Socialist?' Have you ever heard such nonsense?

"So I asked him: 'What are you doing to get rid of Mayor Richard Daley (of Chicago) and other Democratic leaders?' He answered: 'I'm not worried about them. I just want to get Percy and Dirksen out of the party.'"

A day later, Morton was joined in his denunciation by Dirksen, the Senate minority leader, and by Rep. Gerald Ford, the House minority leader. A number of other Republican leaders issued statements — Gov. Mark Hatfield of Oregon, Sen. Jacob Javits of New York, Sen. Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts and others.

### ***The Bliss Statement***

On November 5, 1965, at an Albuquerque news conference, Republican National Chairman Ray Bliss called on all Republicans to "reject membership in any radical organization which attempts to use the Republican Party for its own ends." Mr. Bliss did not identify the groups he referred to, but he specifically berated Welch in expressing concern about "extremism of the radical right." He said "honest, patriotic and conscientious conservatives may be misjudged because of irresponsible radicals such as Robert Welch."

The reaction of the Birch leaders was predictable. The attacks, they said, were part of the Communist conspiracy. Welch strongly implied that Morton, Dirksen, Ford and the other GOP spokesmen were victims of Red plotting. When asked specifically if they were, he replied to newsmen:

"Through three or four removed developments — absolutely." He observed that "Lenin said Communism had been made successful by non-Communist hands" and added that 95% of those who carry out the Communist goals "don't even know it."

(On several other occasions, Welch wisecracked that when the Birchers were accused of "stealing the Republican Party" they were in fact being charged with "petty larceny.")

### ***'Bilderbergers'***

Rousselot stated darkly that Rep. Ford was a member of "one of the most highly active left-wing groups in the country — the DeBilderberger (sic) group — which meets clandestinely." He said that Ford, generally considered a conservative, should be asked about the group.

(The Bilderberger group is sponsored by Crown Prince Bernhard of The Netherlands and is an unofficial, changing assemblage of leaders from Atlantic Community nations who meet twice a year to discuss world problems. They first met in 1954 and took their name from their first meeting place, the Bilderberg Hotel at Oosterbeek, The Nether-

lands. Leaders who join in the discussions don't belong to the group, but are invited by Bernhard to attend. Radical Right propagandists view the Bilderberger group as "secret kingmakers" and as "a little clique of powerful men (who) meet secretly and plan events that appear to have 'just happened.'" They see it as the heart, so to speak, of some secret and clandestine international conspiracy for a "one world government" in which the powerful "Eastern Establishment" in the United States plays a leading role. Some of those, besides Congressman Ford, who have attended include former Secretary of State Christian Herter, Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Gen. Alfred Gruenther, Gen. Lyman Lemnitzer, Paul-Henri Spaak of Belgium, Guy Mollet of France, Hugh Gaitskell of Great Britain, and Per Jacobsson, world-famous Swedish economist. As Rep. Ford pointed out, "they don't put out any releases" and he added, they don't do anything but talk. They make no decisions, he said, cast no votes, and have no power or standing.)

#### Rousselot's Statement

On October 29, in Washington, as the tide of criticism against the Birch Society mounted in Republican circles, Rousselot held a news conference at which he denied that the Society was trying to take over the Republican Party. "We have no program of infiltration," he said. "We leave that up to individual members." He said he was glad the Republican critics of the Society had made it clear that the John Birch Society "is not part of the Republican Party because we are not."

Rousselot added the standard Birch Society line:

"We are not a part of any political party, and we are not a political party ourselves. We don't endorse candidates and we don't make campaign contributions. We are primarily an educational institution. But we do encourage our members to take an active interest in the party of their choice."

He said that "while we have no program of taking over either party, both parties are beginning to feel the impact of our program."

Rousselot said the Society's membership was about evenly divided between Republicans and Democrats and that about 20% of the Democratic members lived in the South. (Some time later, the New York *Herald Tribune* tartly commented that "it may be true that half, more or less, of the John Birch Society are Democrats, but the Republican Party is still the one hung with the Birch albatross." The newspaper added: "Whether fairly or not, the GOP is the one that has to dissociate itself specifically and unequivocally from the paranoid idiocies of the Boston candy-maker and his misled followers.")

#### Welch's Statement

The Rousselot news conference delineated the Birch public relations position, but in the November, 1965, monthly *Bulletin* of the Society, Welch charged that the outbreak of "Birch-baiting" was Communist-inspired. Recalling his standard line — that the Communists on orders from Moscow had been trying to destroy the Society since 1960 — Welch wrote that "the Communists have now inspired, initiated, created and unleashed a campaign of attack against The John Birch Society that makes all earlier attacks look like mere pilot operations."

He added:

"Lenin said that Communism must always be advanced primarily by non-Communist hands. The Communists have always followed . . . that principle. So most of the attack against us, which is now in a crescendo movement, is by good people who have no idea that somehow they have been beguiled into carrying the ball for the Communists and doing the comrades' dirty work. Some who add their contributions to the campaign are simply opportunists. And there is no doubt that most politicians certainly do wish we would go away, and let them have the political field to play games according to their own rules of expediency."

(A *New York Times* report on the conflict between the GOP and the Society compared the Birch reaction to that of the Communists in the 1930s who cried "red-baiting" whenever their role in the liberal movement of that day was exposed.)

Welch advised his followers not to "get bogged down, and waste our time and our energy, in defending ourselves; in refuting this falsehood and explaining that distortion and answering some malicious accusation — for that is exactly what the Communists want us to do!" He told his followers to leave it to Rousselot and the PR department to handle the job of setting the record straight and not fall into the trap. He reminded them that "it is because we have never fallen into this trap, but have gone right ahead working on our own plans and purposes, that we have grown steadily through such a ceaseless continuum of vicious attacks, to reach our present size, effectiveness — and a position to endanger a major plank in the foundation of the Communist program."

#### A Full-Page Ad

The attacks from Republican sources jolted the Society enough for the leaders of the Birch movement to produce a full-page advertisement, intended for insertion by local Birchers around the country, which bore the headline: "What Is The John Birch Society? — The Truth May Surprise You!"

The ad reviewed the history of the Society, told of its growth, claimed that this growth had led to a Communist decision to destroy the Society, and had stirred up "the politicians" who were, in effect, "running interference for the Communists." It reviewed the accomplishments of the Society, pointing with pride to the obsolete 1963 report of the California Senate's Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, and denied any similarity between the Society and the Communists in aims or tactics. It ended with an appeal to readers to "join us now in our epic undertaking."

There were two significant aspects to the Birch ad. The first was that Welch's name did not appear in it. Instead, it was signed by the four-man Executive Committee of the Society — William J. Grede, chairman, of Milwaukee, Laurence Bunker of Wellesley, Mass., A. G. Heinsohn, Jr., of Sevierville, Tenn., and Robert W. Stoddard of Worcester, Mass.

The second significant aspect of the ad was its timing.

#### Timing

Mailed out on glossy paper, suitable for photo-engraving on short notice, with the December, 1965, issue of the Birch *Bulletin* in the first week of that month, the ad was

timed for publication around the country at the very juncture when the Republican Coordinating Committee was to meet in Washington on December 13, to consider, among other things, a resolution repudiating the Society.

In the *Bulletin*, Welch described the ad as a "report to the nation" on the Society's seventh anniversary. He said he hoped it could be published in papers around the country, "preferably on Thursday, December 9th . . ." Welch told his members that if that could be done, "it would be quite effective as a constructive presentation of the Society to the public view," adding "And we know that it would serve some other very important purposes which would take too long to explain fully here."

The ad quickly appeared in the *Chicago Tribune*, the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*, and many other papers in various parts of the country. Welch urged that no money earmarked for direct contribution to the Society be diverted to the cost of publishing the ad.

When the GOP Coordinating Committee met in Washington on December 13, it adopted a resolution which did not name the John Birch Society specifically but which endorsed the position taken by Bliss at Albuquerque. It called on all Republicans to "reject membership in any radical or extremist organization including any which attempts to use the Republican party for its own ends or any which seeks to undermine the basic principles of American freedom and constitutional government."

Rousselot quickly announced the Society was "pleased" by the GOP stand. He said it was "wise of the Republican Party to make it clear that it doesn't seem to be influenced by extremist groups such as the Communist party or the Ku Klux Klan." The Birch spokesman said it would have been a mistake to include the Birch Society in the resolution "because the Society wants to strengthen constitutional government and in no way has attempted to use the Republican Party for its own ends."

#### **Republican Answers**

This brought reaction from key members of the GOP group. Congressman Ford said Rousselot hadn't understood the meaning of the resolution. Gov. Robert Smylie of Idaho, who had pressed for a stronger resolution specifically naming the Birch Society, said the framers had intended that the Birch Society *would* be covered by the wording. So did Gov. George Romney of Michigan who, with Gov. John A. Love of Colorado, had at the last minute reportedly opposed naming the Society.

*The New York Times*, quoting "informed sources" on the subject, said the compromise resolution was proposed after Bliss had warned Smylie and others favoring stronger wording that the language they sought would antagonize a number of major contributors.

The New York *Herald Tribune*, in an editorial captioned "Sparing The Birch Rod" commented on December 15, that the GOP Coordinating Committee had "fumbled." It called the resolution "patently futile" and declared: "The responsibility of political leaders is not merely to denounce sin, but to identify the sinners — or at least specify the sin."

It added that it was not so much "the outside activities of individual Republicans" with which the GOP unit should have been concerned, as it was "the outside (i.e. Birch)

organizational effort to penetrate, capture and subvert the party."

The *Herald Tribune* concluded that "the committee's retreat was an abject failure of leadership, and dismal evidence that the lessons of 1964 have still not been learned."

#### **California Problem**

The party's difficulties are both national and local. Penetration by Birchers into the vital organs of the Republican organization at the grass-roots level has created problems in a number of states. The penetration of the party by Birchers was most acute in California where it has rocked the GOP organization for many months and still colors much of the political picture in the nation's biggest state. The loosely-structured Republican organization in California made penetration by the Birchers relatively easy and also gave them an influence far out of proportion to their numbers. This was especially true because they are an ideologically-united faction which knows what it wants, which has a single-minded purpose and outlook, and which faces a divided and somewhat confused opposition of Republican conservatives, moderates and liberals.

In the contest for the GOP gubernatorial nomination that was shaping up all during 1965, with Ronald Reagan, a Goldwater Republican, as a leading contender, the Birch issue was Topic A through most of the year. In California:

- Local Republican clubs from time to time invite Birchite speakers to address them.
- Rousselot, himself, perhaps the Number Two professional Bircher in the country, held a seat on the Los Angeles County Central Republican Committee. (There were moves by anti-Birch Republicans to oust him.)
- An official of the United Republicans of California, composed mostly of traditional conservative Republicans, said the group included in its membership 10% to 15% who were either Birch members or Birch sympathizers.
- The 13,500 member California Young Republican organization, early in 1965, adopted a resolution attacking Chief Justice Earl Warren and the Supreme Court and, while the resolution did not call for Warren's impeachment, it did call on the Congress to take "corrective action."
- In October, 1965, the Los Angeles County Young Republicans went on record in defense of the Birch Society, shouting approval of a resolution which expressed "confidence that the John Birch Society is composed of loyal and concerned Americans." (The action came only a few days after national Republican leaders Morton, Dirksen, and Ford criticized the Birchers and urged repudiation of the Society by the National GOP leadership. At the same time, the President of the California Republican Assembly defended the Birchers against the attacks by the national GOP leaders.)

Some at the meeting of the Los Angeles Young Republican group argued that the pro-Birch resolution was an act of "political suicide." Likewise, the President of the California Federation of Republican Women accused the Birchers of pursuing "divisive tactics" within the GOP and the women's organization.

By the end of 1965, the Republicans in California were still torn and divided by the Birch issue, and it was causing leaders and candidates there — not to mention the party

itself — a major headache. It also seemed clear that the issue itself would figure heavily in the 1966 state campaign.

### **North Dakota and Washington**

In North Dakota, Bircher Martin Vaaler was already campaigning in the Fall of 1965 for the Republican Congressional nomination to oppose incumbent Democrat Rep. Roland Redlin. North Dakota Birchers were, moreover, in a noisy quarrel with Republican Sen. Milton Young and Republican State Chairman T. L. Secretst.

In the State of Washington the problem of Birch penetration in the GOP became, during 1965, serious enough for Republican Gov. Dan Evans to levy a major attack on the Society at a meeting of the State's Republican Central Committee, held in September at Port Angeles. The Governor's attack formed the basis for a resolution, repudiating the Birchers. But shortly after the resolution was adopted, it became clear that there was to be no mass ouster of Birch members from Republican ranks, even though the Society had been a bone sticking in the throat of the party and the Governor's administration for a full year. The Seattle *Times* of September 22, 1965, quoted GOP State Chairman C. Montgomery Johnson as saying:

"We intend that spokesmen for the Republicans can express conservative views without being labeled extremists. It shouldn't be necessary for conservatives to preface their remarks by stating that they are not Birchers."

Johnson said the Washington State GOP had no intention of purging Birch members from its ranks and that the resolution at Port Angeles was designed to inform the general public that the Republican Party could not and would not be held responsible for positions taken by the Birch Society leadership. (In Spokane, meantime, the Spokane Women's Republican Club voted to defy the State Federation of Women's Republican Clubs and show a Birch Society film "if the opportunity presents itself.")

The Republican Party's problem in Washington was Birch infiltration in 10 or more of the State's 39 counties. In recent years there have been reports of some degree of Birch penetration in Republican organizations in such states as Michigan, Texas, Indiana, Illinois, Nebraska, the Dakotas, Arizona, Maryland and the District of Columbia, and throughout much of the South.

### **The South**

In Dixie, where the Birch Society has 19 full-time paid coordinators, the growth of the Society closely parallels the growth of the new Republican Party which sprang full-blown on the Southern scene in the 1964 election on the crest of the Goldwater tide. Birchers have made themselves a factor in the new Republican strength in at least six of the 11 states of the Old Confederacy — Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and Louisiana. All went for Goldwater in 1964 except Florida.

Birch members have insinuated themselves into a number of local GOP positions in Alabama and Georgia and have close ties to the party in the other four states.

Some GOP leaders in the South have personally encouraged the support of the Society because, as Los Angeles *Times* reporter Jack Nelson noted in a September, 1965, survey, "the party of Lincoln has become the party of the

white man in much of Dixie." Elements of the new Republican Party in the South and the Birch Society have emerged as a major anti-civil rights and pro-segregationist force on the Southern scene, replacing the declining White Citizens Councils as the spearhead of the non-violent opposition to civil rights.

Of all the Southern states, the Birch Society is strongest in Alabama. J. W. (Red) Gandy, an influential Republican and a volunteer coordinator for the Society, was quoted by Nelson of the Los Angeles *Times* as declaring: "The Birch Society is the strongest conservative organization in the State — stronger than both political parties."

Gandy denied — as too high — reports that there are several hundred Birch chapters in Alabama. But, he said, there are some 95 chapters in Birmingham which had signed a full-page ad in the Birmingham *News* and pointed to other Birchite strength in Mobile, Montgomery and Huntsville.

John Grenier, executive director of the GOP National Committee in the 1964 campaign and a Republican leader in Alabama, acknowledged the strength of the Birch Society and declared:

"They worked for the Republican Party in the past and I trust they'll work for the Republican Party in the future. But I have told them that their first allegiance is to the party's principles rather than to the John Birch Society and they understand the wisdom of that."

Craig Knowles, finance director of the Alabama GOP, paid tribute to the zealousness and dedication of Birchites in the party: "You get a Birch member who's loyal to the party and he'll donate money and work for the party day and night."

N. Floyd McGowin, Sr., a wealthy lumber dealer from Chapman, is a member of the Birch Society National Council and was an alternate delegate to the 1964 Republican National Convention.

Despite the strength of the Birchers in Alabama, and the role they fixed for themselves in the GOP there, Grenier said the number of Society members holding positions of power in the state party organization was "not substantial."

The Los Angeles *Times* survey also reported that in several Georgia counties, the leadership of the Republican Party and that of the John Birch Society are almost identical, and that a number of physicians took leadership roles in both groups during 1964 as a means of fighting Medicare. The Society is especially strong in South Georgia where Goldwater ran up huge margins in 1964, and where young Howard Callaway became the first Georgia Republican Congressman since the Reconstruction.

### **The Georgia Chairman's Statement**

G. Paul Jones, Jr., Georgia State GOP Chairman, said last October that the GOP there cannot afford to spurn the support of the John Birch Society. Jones made his statement at a news conference, a scant week after Morton, Dirksen and Rep. Ford declared in Washington that there was no place in the GOP for Society members.

Jones said that "instead of trying to run people out, we ought to try to bring them in. We're going to try to take care of everybody who wants to vote Republican." He said that as a minority party in Georgia — and throughout the nation — the GOP could not afford to do without any of the support it has. He added that no Birch members held state GOP leadership positions in Georgia, but explained:

"There may be some serving as county airmen."

Jones was also quoted as having declared:

"Although there are active and loyal workers in Republican politics who also belong to the Birch Society, there have been no indications that Republican activities have been in any way adversely affected by their membership in any other organization. I'm equally sure that their membership in other organizations have not been adversely affected by their Republican participation."

In Louisiana and Mississippi, Birch Society members are also working in the Republican Party.

Rousselot commented to the *Los Angeles Times* on the Birchite position in the South:

"We're very strong in Florida, Alabama, Georgia, the Carolinas, Louisiana and Texas. We have strength in Arkansas and Virginia. We're not so strong in Tennessee."

In short, the Birch Society has made inroads into the new Republican Party in Dixie and their gains there contain the seeds of a first-class dilemma for the national Republican Party. Reading Birchers out of the Republican Party would come just at the time when the Republicans are challenging the long-entrenched Democrats for the first time in the South. A Republican stand for civil rights, that would help in the North and West, would damage the party in the South.

# The Birch Map

## Highlights

By January, 1966, the estimated Birch membership in California stood at some 12,000 to 15,000, organized in perhaps 1200 chapters — a substantial gain from the estimated 700 chapters and 10,000 members which the Society could boast in California in mid-1964, just before the Republican national convention. With 16 paid, full-time organizers and some 200 section leaders, California has remained the banner Birchite state.

In 1965, New Jersey membership quadrupled with well over 100 chapters, serviced by four full-time coordinators. Indiana reported 40 chapters in the Indianapolis area, 15 in the Evansville area, substantial strength in Fort Wayne, and a network of chapters functioning in surrounding areas. In the area of Atlanta, Georgia, the Society jumped from 15 chapters in 1964 to perhaps 35 or 40 late in 1965, with Birch chapters functioning in all major cities of the state. Birchers, likewise, were active at the community level in Georgia. They sponsored numerous public meetings, often through front groups, at which Radical Rightist speakers were featured. And they sought positions of influence in PTAs.

Birchite growth in Alabama, with three full-time organizers, was likewise substantial, with a reported 100 chapters in the Birmingham area and pockets of strength in Mobile, Montgomery and Huntsville. In Arizona, Birch strength grew to about 100 chapters — enough to boast three full-time coordinators. In Texas, Birch membership continued at a high level, with several thousand members reported in the Houston area, another 1500 in Dallas and a pocket of Panhandle strength in Amarillo. Texas boasts a unique Birch phenomenon — several teen-age chapters in five Houston high schools.

In the Maryland-District of Columbia area, the Birch Society made marked gains during 1965 and members are now operating four bookstores, two "bookmobiles," a speakers bureau, and at least three stations of "Let Freedom Ring," the Radical Rightist telephone propaganda apparatus.

Late in 1965, North Dakota suddenly emerged as a center of great growth and intensive recruiting by the Society. Elsewhere across the country, there are other areas of expansion: Philadelphia and vicinity; Detroit; suburban Chicago; and Spokane, among them.

Greater New York, especially Long Island and Westchester, also shows substantial gains during 1965, spreading into nearby Bergen and Passaic counties in New Jersey, Rockland County, N.Y., and Fairfield County, Conn. — all further evidence of the strongly suburban character of the Birch membership.

A glance at the Birch map shows the distribution of Society strength across the country.

## New England

- In New England, where the Society has its national headquarters, the number of chapters has grown to perhaps 70 or 75 — more than triple the number at the start of 1965.

Massachusetts grew from four or five chapters in 1964 to more than 30 by the end of 1965. Major strength was

centered in the southeastern part of the state and in the suburbs of Greater Boston.

Rhode Island has doubled the number of its chapters — to twelve — since January, 1965.

In Connecticut, where membership jumped 20% in the two weeks following Election Day, 1964, there are at least a dozen chapters. What the Society lacks numerically in the Nutmeg State is more than made up by the intense activity of the members. They have opened several Birch bookstores and hold frequent meetings where the public is invited to hear Birch and Radical Right speakers. Many of these meetings are held under the auspices of Birch Society front groups, which have grown rapidly in Connecticut.

New Hampshire is the scene of intense Birch Society activity — mainly centered, as already described, around Nashua and the nearby communities of Hudson, Derry, Hollis, Milford and Amherst.

Maine and Vermont have hardly been dented by the Society but Maine is a prime target of the Society's organizing efforts.

## The South

- In the South, aside from the Society's growth in Georgia and Alabama, there is solid strength in Florida. It is centered mainly in the Jacksonville, Palm Beach, Daytona, St. Petersburg and St. Augustine areas, and in Sarasota. In Sarasota, which is the headquarters of "Let Freedom Ring," the telephone operation, Birchers have had an impact on local school affairs, changing a moderate school board and sparking a movement that cost the Superintendent of Schools his job. There were also perhaps 15 Birch chapters strung out along Florida's northern boundary.

The Society has grown slightly in Virginia, especially in the Richmond area, has lagged a little in North Carolina, but has sharply increased its strength in South Carolina where assiduous recruiting activity has been under way.

In Louisiana and Mississippi, long strongholds of the now-declining White Citizens Councils, the Birch Society has made some headway. But both states appear to be fertile fields for Birch recruiting as Councils disintegrate. There are Birch chapters in several Louisiana cities and in all major cities of Arkansas, with several in the Little Rock area.

In general, Birch organization in the Deep South has been concentrated in the smaller towns and villages. Elsewhere, Tennessee has scattered strength with a concentration of perhaps 15 chapters in the Memphis area and organizing going forward in Oak Ridge. In Oklahoma, the Society is recruiting intensively and has made some impact.

## The Midwest

- In the Midwest, the Birch Society has retained pockets of strength. Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Wisconsin have for several years had enough chapters to make their presence known. In Michigan, Gov. George Romney fought a pitched battle with Birchers in 1962. While the Society's adherents there did not make banner headlines in the intervening years, there was little question that they were

active. The same is true in Wisconsin, where Birch chapters are strung out along the shores of Lake Michigan northward from Milwaukee. In Ohio, the number of public Birch meetings rose sharply during 1965 and there are Birch bookstores in Cleveland, Toledo, Youngstown and Cincinnati.

Chicago, with 15 chapters, has been an area of disappointment to the Society. But recruitment has gone much better in such North Shore suburbs as Glenview, Evanston, Mt. Prospect, and Northbrook. Yet, there are four Birch bookstores in greater Chicago and a fifth in Rockford, Ill., which, with some 20 chapters, has for several years been a Birch stronghold. Early in 1965, the Society opened its Midwest headquarters in Glenview. There has been little Birch strength downstate.

In Minnesota, St. Paul shows vigor with some 14 chapters. In South Dakota, as noted, the Society made headlines when a Bircher challenged incumbent—and conservative—Sen. Karl Mundt for the Republican Senatorial nomination.

In Missouri, the Birchers claim a 100% increase in membership in the St. Louis area since the 1964 election. Birch strength until then had been estimated at perhaps 40 chapters. There are two Birch bookstores there. Other evidences of Birch activity in St. Louis are such front operations as "The America Wake Up Committee," "The

Discussion Club" and an American Opinion Speakers Forum. There are also centers of Birch strength in Missouri at Columbia, home of the University of Missouri, and Centralia, the home of F. Gano Chance, a Birch Society National Council member and headquarters of the A. B. Chance Co. which exerts a powerful, if not dominating, influence in community life.

In the Plains States of Kansas and Nebraska, the Society, with 60 chapters, has tripled its strength since early 1964. Wichita, the home city of two National Council members—Fred Koch and Robert Love—is a center of strength and the home of a new Birch book store. Kansas City jumped to more than a dozen chapters. Birchers are active in some 30 cities in the two states.

The Society has pockets of strength in Iowa.

- In the Rocky Mountain States and the Pacific Northwest, the Birchers have made gains in the last year or two. Montana has perhaps 30 chapters. Las Vegas has about 15 chapters. Colorado and Wyoming have not shown any great growth but the members there tend to have an impact out of proportion to their limited numbers. Not much is heard of Birch activity in Utah and Oregon.

In Washington, however, the Society is strong, with chapters concentrated in Spokane and in Seattle which have about 25 each.

# The Apparatus

## Staff, Plant and Finances

The John Birch Society continues to enlarge its staff organization, its operation, and its plant facilities. The Society employs some 220 persons — more than 120 at its Belmont headquarters, some 20 in other area offices and some 75 field coordinators from coast to coast. Founder Welch, at the end of 1965, was meeting a weekly payroll of \$40,000 — more than \$2 million a year.

In two years, the Society's two area offices (in San Marino, Calif., and in Houston) have grown to five: a Midwest regional office in Glenview, Ill., just outside Chicago; an Eastern office in White Plains, N. Y., just outside New York City; and a special office in Washington, D.C. Late in 1965, the Houston headquarters was transferred to Dallas. The San Marino Western headquarters has tripled its office space. Late in 1964, the Society acquired the old Boston and Maine railroad station in Belmont — its national headquarters — for the storage of books. It has doubled its floor space.

By the end of 1965 the Society was spending well over \$5 million a year. Add items for capital outlay and for local Society activity, such as full-page newspaper advertisements, and it is clear that Robert Welch achieved his goal of a total Society cash flow of \$6 million for 1965. The Society grossed \$1.6 million in 1963 and \$3.2 million in 1964. Robert Welch's financial goal for 1966 is \$12 million.

## The Complex

The national organization which has already established itself as a unique apparatus on the usually-splintered Right is a vast complex of local chapters, hierarchies, chains of command, public relations men, publishing companies, local organizations, discussion groups, fund-raisers, Red-hunters, book stores, magazines, pressure groups and movies for recruiting purposes.

Under the Birch Society's upper hierarchy — the Founder, the Executive Committee, the National Council, and the coordinators — there exists a volunteer hierarchy of section and chapter leaders. Monthly, in the chapter leaders' homes, in quiet little cells of from 6 to 25 members (the average group is 10 or 15), the broad and busy base of the monolith meets.

Behind its efforts lies a corporate structure in which are found Robert Welch, Inc., The John Birch Society, Inc., the Belmont and Western Islands Publishing Companies, and the various enterprises bearing the name, "American Opinion."

There also exists a practical, energetic and permanent apparatus for recruiting and for the production and marketing of propaganda, and a nation-wide system of loosely-organized but tightly-orthodox front groups. There is a vast library of avowedly patriotic books, two Society-published magazines, a speakers' bureau, and hundreds of "American Opinion" bookstores.

## The Magazine

*American Opinion*, the monthly magazine published by Robert Welch and the John Birch Society, sells for \$1 a copy and now claims a larger circulation than any other political "review" in America. It is intended to be a molder

of "Americanist" thinking, to instill in its readers a profound consciousness of the all-pervading Communist conspiracy allegedly stretching from the White House all the way down to the local town council, the school board, the town public library and the local pulpit. The monolithic orthodoxy of the Society itself does not extend to *American Opinion* and its writers are given some latitude to express varying and sometimes contradictory opinions.

The latest official statement of *American Opinion*'s circulation and ownership was published in the December, 1965, issue. It showed a press run of 50,000 and a paid circulation of 39,605. The growth of the Birch magazine in the course of a single year can readily be recognized when the circulation figures are compared with those on October 1, 1964, when the press run was 32,000 and paid circulation was 25,761.

*American Opinion* magazine is owned by Robert Welch, Inc.; The John Birch Society, Inc.; Miss Olive Simes of Boston; the Excelsior Housing Corp. of New York; Miss Ellen Lovett, of Needham, Mass.; John Rousselot of Arcadia, Calif.; Thomas N. Hill of Gloucester, Mass.; Robert Welch of Belmont, Mass.; Willard S. Voit of Balboa, Calif.; and N. B. Hunt of Dallas, Tex.

Robert Welch, Inc., is controlled by the John Birch Society, Inc. and has been ever since Welch gave his stock in Robert Welch, Inc. to the Society in 1960. The Society is a Massachusetts corporation of which Robert Welch himself is President. Miss Olive Simes is a wealthy Boston spinster who has for some time been a supporter of Birch activities and who, for many years, has been listed as a contributor to the Christian Nationalist Crusade, headed by Gerald Smith.

The Excelsior Housing Corp. is a South Carolina corporation which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Deering Milliken Inc., the well-known textile firm. Miss Ellen Lovett is Robert Welch's long-time personal secretary. Rousselot is the Birch Society's Public Relations Director, and Thomas N. Hill is Field Director of the Society.

Willard S. Voit is the official in charge of the Birch Society publications depot at Newport Beach, Calif. N. B. Hunt is a son of H. L. Hunt, the multi-millionaire whose fortune was amassed as an independent oil producer and who is the founder of the Far Rightist Life Line Foundation Inc. propaganda operation which conducts the Life Line broadcasts heard on some 400 radio stations.

Robert Welch is the editor of *American Opinion*, the magazine he founded almost ten years ago and which he formerly called *One Man's Opinion*. Scott Stanley, Jr., a young man active in Rightist causes before joining the magazine, is the Managing Editor. The Associate Editors are Slobodan Draskovich and Professor Revilo P. Oliver, who are members of the Birch Society's National Council; Francis X. Gannon, the Society's Research Director, and E. Merrill Root, long a well-known name in Rightist activities.

The Contributing Editors are Martin Dies, Sr., the former member of Congress from Texas who achieved national prominence as the head of the old Dies Committee which investigated un-American activities in the 1930s and 1940s; Medford Evans, who is also an official of the White

Citizens Councils, and Professor Harris Sennholz, an ex-Luftwaffe pilot who now teaches economics at Grove City (Pa.) College, an institution of higher learning heavily endowed by the Pew family who are principals in the Sun Oil Co. (J. Howard Pew, a leading supporter of Rightist causes in the United States, serves on the Editorial Advisory Committee of *American Opinion* magazine.)

The Assistant Managing Editor is Marian Probert Welch, who is Mrs. Robert Welch and who devotes much of her time to helping her husband run the multi-faceted affairs of the John Birch Society and its related activities.

Besides Pew, the other members of the magazine's 17-man Editorial Advisory Committee include Robert Dresser, a Providence, R.I. lawyer; Charles Edison, former Secretary of the Navy and Governor of New Jersey; J. Bracken Lee, former Governor of Utah; and Ludwig Von Mises, the prominent Austrian economist who is a leading prophet of 19th century laissez-faire economics.

The Birch monthly is a glossy and well-written periodical, and nurtured by advertisements, mostly from corporations which support the Far Right or in which Birch leaders have a substantial interest. These include the Allen-Bradley Co., of Milwaukee, which repeatedly purchases a multi-colored back-page ad in *American Opinion*; the Rock Island Oil & Refining Co., Inc., of Wichita, whose principal is Fred Koch, a Society National Council member, and Spindale Mills, Spindale, N. C., in which Council member A. G. Heinsohn, Jr., is a principal.

Other advertising is purchased by organizations and publishing companies of the Far Right, and from time to time, by respected book publishers. But noteworthy is the substantial proportion of "house ads" trumpeting books published by Western Islands, the Birch publishing house.

On the cover of *American Opinion* each month, there shines forth a commercially slick portrait of an "Americanist" hero such as the late Syngman Rhee, the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy, or Ezra Taft Benson, or an *American Opinion* regular such as Dean Manion, Martin Dies, or Taylor Caldwell.

*American Opinion* has, Welch hopes, some 80,000 salesmen—all members of the Birch Society being constantly pressed to sell subscriptions and to persuade local newsstands and drug stores to stock a few copies each month. An offer is made of a handsome profit of 40¢-50¢ a copy, made possible by the magazine's high retail price.

Welch tries to shrug off Birch Society responsibility for the Society-controlled magazine whenever a writer runs to an embarrassing extreme. Welch claims he allows writers a sort of intellectual "freedom."

#### **The Printed Word**

Unlike many of the Society's allies on the Far Right—such as Billy James Hargis, Dan Smoot, Carl McIntire, H. L. Hunt and Clarence Manion—Robert Welch has put little faith in radio broadcasting for his "educational" programs. "From the very beginning," he wrote in the November, 1964, *Bulletin*, "we have depended on the surer, harder road of education through the printed word." And Welch's conviction is reflected in statistics:

By late 1965, the Society's printing bill was \$1.5 million a year. It was publishing and selling books with a retail value of more than \$2 million annually.

Welch also publishes a new pocket-sized weekly, *Review of the News*, a magazine containing a day-by-day summary of world news without comment and with little slant, except in the choice of items. Presumably subscribers can use the magazine as a substitute for daily newspapers, which the Birch Society views as heavily penetrated by the Communist conspiracy anyway. *Review of the News* includes a section titled "Correction, Please!"—items in the news, followed by the editors' slanted answers to alleged "falsehoods, distortions, and more subtle Communist propaganda of infinite variety, in newspapers, magazines and over the air."

With book publishing fast becoming the major activity in Belmont, the dollar-a-copy "American Opinion Reprint Series" is being replaced by "The Americanist Library," glossy paperbacks published by Western Islands. "The Americanist Library" includes "One Dozen Candles," a group of books viewed by the Society as "Americanist" classics and as essential introductory reading for recruits or applicants. The books, which come attractively packaged and boxed, are sold on a sliding scale: one to nine sets are \$8 each; 1000 sets or more are \$5 a set.

An insight into the size of the publishing operation can be gained from the fact that the minimum printing of each title in the "Americanist Library" series is 100,000 copies.

Titles in the "One Dozen Candles" series indicate the kind of required reading expected of Birch members before they are considered properly indoctrinated:

- "While You Slept" by the late John T. Flynn.
- "Seeds of Treason" by Ralph deToledano.
- "America's Retreat From Victory" by the late Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy.
- "The Whole of Their Lives" by the late Benjamin Gitlow, a Communist leader of the 1920s who broke with the Party.
- "Shanghai Conspiracy" by retired Maj. Gen. Charles A. Willoughby, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Intelligence chief in World War II, and a leading figure on the American Far Right.

— "From Major Jordan's Diaries" by George Racey Jordan which tells of the author's belief that American secrets were handed over to Soviet Russia during World War II.

— "I Saw Poland Betrayed" by former Ambassador Arthur Bliss Lane—purporting to tell how American money, prestige and productive might were used by the Communists to enslave Eastern Europe.

— "The People's Pottage" by Garet Garrett on "the Communist-inspired conversion of America from a constitutional republic of self-reliant people into an unbridled democracy of handout-seeking whiners."

— "The Kohler Strike" by Sylvester Petro—"the part played by labor bosses, whom the Communists love, in gradually destroying our great inheritance."

— "The Invisible Government" by Dan Smoot, the story of the Council on Foreign Relations which, the Birchers claim is the "invisible government" seeking to convert the U. S. into a Socialist state, and then to make it a part of a one-world Communist system.

— "France, The Tragic Years" by Sisley Huddleston—"de Gaulle's role in the Communist program," and "why

the Communists and their allies appear to be the only stable group in French politics."

— "Nine Men Against America" by Rosalie M. Gordon, described by the Birchers as "perhaps the most important on the list" because it purports to tell how the Supreme Court under Chief Justice Earl Warren has been "destroying every safeguard which might prevent the Communists from carrying out their plans" in the United States.

The Birch list of titles by Western Islands or other Birch publishing arms, plus books printed elsewhere but available through the Society, is a thick pamphlet. Besides "standards" of Far Right literature, the list includes some books by responsible conservatives, others by little-known extremists, and some legitimate classics such as works by John Stuart Mill, Adam Smith and Frederic Bastiat. Included, too, are standard Birch Society documents — the Society's "introductory packet," one on civil rights, a "special" Society packet, and a "Warren Impeachment Packet."

Of interest also is the availability, through the Society, of the "McGuffey Readers;" a line of children's books — "Living American Stories," "Childhood of Famous American Series," and "Beginning-to-Read Books" — all of which suggests that Birch parents are intent upon grooming a new generation of Birch moppets to carry on the fight years from now.

### ***The Spoken Word***

Although Welch has put his faith in the printed word, in January, 1966, he announced that the Society was launching a weekly 15-minute radio program to be entitled *The Birch Report*. He told his members that the time had come when, "with our emphasis on the printed word still unabated, we need at least a limited but periodical use of broadcasting media, even if for no other reason than the direct purposes of our Public Relations Department." Welch said Rousselot would supervise the program which was to be paid for by multiple local sponsorships, and Welch added, "in plain language, we are counting on our members throughout the country, especially those with businesses that can use local radio advertising to advantage, to sponsor this program in their respective areas." The program was to be pre-taped and mailed to sponsors or stations at \$5 a tape. Welch said leading Birch spokesmen and occasional invited guests would be featured.

Because to a great many on the Far Right, hearing is believing, the Society was making a number of "Americanist" voices available to listening audiences even before the radio program was announced. Increasingly, the Society made audio-visual materials available and members were continually urged to start forums, lecture series, and study clubs. The following are relevant sections of that apparatus:

The American Opinion Speakers Bureau was started four years ago and is now directed from the Society's Belmont home office. This service, which Welch sees as "a powerful medium for reaching audiences throughout the nation," offers Birch Society speakers such as Rousselot, Tom Anderson, Revilo Oliver, Reed Benson, and allies on the Far Right such as Harold Lord Varney, Willis Stone of the Liberty Amendment Committee, W. Cleon Skousen, and George Schuyler, the conservative Negro newspaper columnist.

A more recent addition to the roster of speakers was Sheriff Jim Clark of Selma, Ala.

Target organizations to which the services of these speakers are offered include, not only Birch groups and fronts, but other Right Wing forums and, wherever possible, established civic, church, veterans and school groups.

Birchers had been urged, when joining PTAs, political clubs and other community groups, to seek the position of program chairman to control the selection of speakers.

Speakers provided by the AOSB are filling about 100 appearances a month, addressing audiences at meetings that spread from Nashua, N.H., to Pasadena, Calif.

The voices of Clarence Manion, Tom Anderson and Revilo Oliver, as well as Robert Welch himself, are familiar sounds at Birch meetings, study and discussion groups — via albums and tapes sold at Society bookstores. "One Dozen Trumpets" makes it possible for members to hear a full 18 hours of Founder Welch himself.

The Society provides a study manual and a suggested reading list for discussion groups and study clubs to enrich the curriculum provided by the recorded materials. Exhortations to form such study groups have become a standard item on the Society's monthly agenda of projects and the groups have become a growing manifestation in hundreds of American communities. Welch has also recommended the study-guide material available from the Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation in St. Louis.

### ***The Birch Bookstores***

The John Birch Society has found it advantageous to establish its own outlets for published materials. Robert Welch's "reading rooms that sell books" — generally called American Opinion Bookstore, or American Opinion Library — have served as local headquarters for Right Wing books, flyers, films, rally tickets, and bumper stickers; as meeting-places for Birch members, chapters and front groups; and as convenient recruiting depots for new members. The stores also serve in some places as local "stations" for "Let Freedom Ring."

In 1963, the Society's peak pre-election year, there were about 100 of these shops; today there are about 350. These outlets handle the standard Society materials as well as the output of Billy James Hargis, Dr. Fred Schwarz, Kent and Phoebe Courtney, the Circuit Riders, the Rev. Carl McIntire, Dan Smoot, and the Church League of America.

A development of recent years is the introduction of "mobile libraries" — Volkswagen buses which can be parked at street corners or outside Right Wing rallies. A New Yorker named Fred Lawrence, for example, brings his book-laden VW into the Wall Street area and carries "the truth to the heathen" armed with Birch propaganda and a New York City peddler's license.

Robert Welch has been proud of his Reading Rooms, but Society officials sometimes deny their connection with the official apparatus when faced with embarrassment over the appearance of anti-Semitic materials in the stores or a revelation concerning an unsavory individual managing one. (In a Boston store in 1962, an associate of American Nazi Party leader George Rockwell managed the enterprise.) Nevertheless, the connections between the individually-owned bookstores and the Society itself are firm. The stores

stock "recommended" materials, and many of these are ordered directly through Belmont headquarters—on credit. Robert Welch and John Rousselot have attended many a bookstore opening.

Carmine Saccardo, of Milford, Mass., a non-Bircher who took the "no-official-connection" claim seriously, told his story to reporter Bob Creamer of the Boston *Traveler*. Saccardo took over the ownership of Milford's Paul Revere Book Shop, and soon thereafter removed most of the Birch material from the shelves because it wasn't selling. Local Society members had tried to tell Saccardo what to order, and later boycotted his shop in protest against his displaying a picture of the late President Kennedy. Torn from his only market and saddled with a \$4,000 debt, the well-meaning Saccardo closed up shop.

"My own friends were calling me a Communist," he declared, "and no matter what I said I couldn't make people understand."

### **Recruiting for Holy War**

The John Birch Society is little interested in trying to understand the viewpoints of others. Birchers apparently find it more satisfying and less time-consuming to call them "Communists" and have done with it. The Society is quite energetic, however, in trying to make others understand *its* point of view.

One such effort was the release during 1965 of a new motion picture. "Presentation Film #2," produced at a cost of about \$70,000, relates the history, aims, and operations of the Birch organization. It is not meant to replace the original "Presentation Film #1," a 150-minute Welch monologue condensing the Society's *Blue Book* into a far-reaching view of a conspiratorial, Communist-controlled world. Rather the new film is a supplement to the old, designed for prospects who have shown understanding and serious interest after viewing the original film.

"Presentation Film #2" runs 90 minutes and it looks at the world, both technically and philosophically, in sharp black and white. It insists that while Americans were dancing (Fred Astaire is shown) and golfing (President Eisenhower is shown), the Communist conspiracy was eating away at the foundations of the Republic. Then, Robert Welch, the hero, decides to mobilize resistance into a vast, patriotic organization to save the country. The resulting

operations of the Birch Society are thereupon presented—from the headquarters in Belmont to the neighborhood chapter meeting.

During the summer of 1965, members and prospects were invited to pay one dollar to attend local "premieres" of the new recruiting film. Now, a free presentation is scheduled almost every night in the stronger Birch areas. The 5,000 chapters are each expected to hold at least one such presentation a month. Sessions are usually conducted by a paid coordinator or by a volunteer section leader who generally supervises anywhere from two to twelve chapters. After the film has been shown, they deliver a practiced pitch for membership. Birch staffers generally expect to sign up—sooner or later—about 25% of those who attend a presentation.

The new recruitment film has also been shown to audiences whose members might never consider attending a formal Society presentation. Showings of the film have been arranged before such non-Birch organizations as Republican clubs, and on local TV stations, as an educational film on Communism. In many cases, of course, the offer of the film is declined by a target organization or an alert TV station manager.

Another device increasingly used in recent Birch Society recruiting drives is the newspaper advertisement. Birch Society ads are written and produced at headquarters in Belmont for placement by local Birch groups at their own expense. The ads, usually designed for a full page, appeal to good citizenship via the headline "Support Your Local Police"; to fear, via the message "What's Wrong With Civil Rights?"; or to curiosity, via the caption "What Is The John Birch Society? — The Truth May Surprise You." The ads are usually a solid block of type.

The Society, however, has never solicited just anyone for membership. Welch seeks recruits with a potential for zeal, dedication and indoctrination to serve as a cadre for missionary work at the grass roots. The films and the advertisements are aids to recruiting along with the specially-designed recruiting packets. These contain samples of Society literature, a copy of the Birch *Bulletin*, a copy of the Society's much heralded multi-colored Sunday supplement which has appeared in newspapers in major cities across the country and, to be sure, an application for membership in the Society.

## Conclusion

The John Birch Society today appears to be a permanent fixture on the American political scene — at least for the foreseeable future.

Whether it can be quarantined on the fringe of the American political spectrum depends in large measure on American conservatives. If they have the desire — and the will — to do the job, a housecleaning can be carried out on the American Right that would separate the conservative wheat from the Radical Rightist chaff.

If the task is undertaken, the job will not be easy. The Birch penetration of American life has already progressed into many communities and into the political party structure.

Its radical extremism, rooted in a conspiratorial concept of American history and of current events, threatens the democratic process and the democratic climate.

It claims to be the only effective anti-Communist force in the nation, but its leaders cannot tell a Republican from a Red and have forfeited all credentials and any claim whatsoever to anti-Communist expertise.

It aids Communism by concentrating on a fancied internal Communist conspiracy, thus diverting public attention from the real internal and foreign Communist threat.

It divides the nation by charging those who oppose it — and those whom it opposes — with being Communist dupes at best and Communist agents at worst.

It wages all-out war against remedies seeking justice and equality for Negroes, and it seeks to exploit, for its own propaganda and recruitment purposes, the fears, the tensions and the anxieties of Americans.

Its aim is political influence and power. Its ultimate purpose is to stop the forward march of American development and to repeal, if it can, the last thirty years of American history.

Its members have already begun to appear on the political scene. A few already hold office. Some are candidates. Its followers bore into the vital organs of political parties.

It has penetrated and influences some public agencies such as the police, local governments and the administration of public schools.

It seeks, through its members, influence in voluntary groups, civic organizations and other bodies which play a vital role in a free society.

It sucks in, each year, increasing millions of dollars for its divisive activities.

It is an apparatus, a radical apparatus, comparable in size and impact to the Communist apparatus at the peak of its power in the United States twenty years ago.

It uses subterfuge and semi-secrecy — including front groups — to carry out its work.

It has not yet tapped its full potential nor mobilized that segment of the American population which thinks as it does.

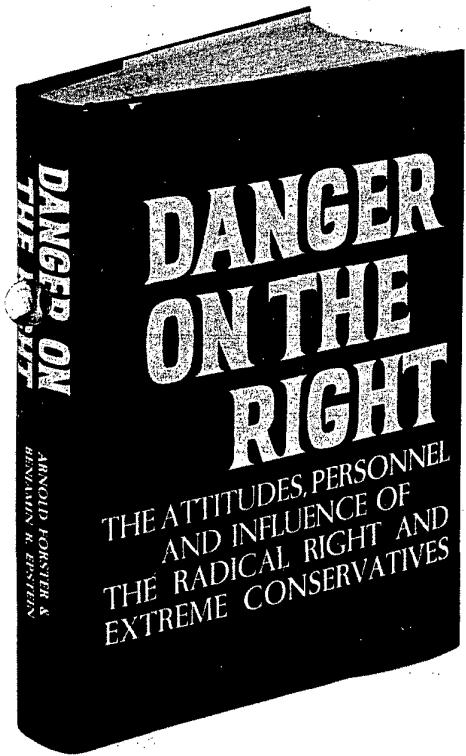
It is likely to continue its growth in the years that lie immediately ahead — until its actions produce firm reactions on the part of concerned Americans, consciously convinced that it is a menace to the nation and ready to defeat it in their own communities and in the political arena.

It is a by-product of the fears and frustrations of a nation in transition at home and in a protracted struggle with Communism abroad — a by-product of the "long twilight struggle, year in and year out" of which the late President Kennedy spoke in his Inaugural Address.

The American nation has survived and rejected the false counsels of radicalism and extremism in the past, and will reject the false counsels of the Birch Society because the overwhelming majority of the American people are neither radicals nor extremists — whether or not they agree with prevailing national policies of the moment.

What is of concern in 1966, and in the years ahead, is the damage the Birch Society can do to the democratic climate and process before the good sense and sober moderation of the American people lay it to rest and render it a mere footnote in the history books of the future.

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[redacted] stated she received a newspaper clipping from a newspaper in Bottlesville, Oklahoma, which was an editorial giving support to the Minute Men.

A [redacted] wrote [redacted] a letter stating he wished she lived in Mississippi, in order that she could see the way the Ku Klux Klan operated. [redacted] stated she thought this might be in connection with a letter she had written concerning the Klan.

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[redacted] stated she received a post card from a lawyer, whose name she did not recall, from New York City, New York, asking her whether she wanted him as her legal counsel in any court action which might arise from her writings.

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[redacted] advised she has received literature from American Opinion, Belmont, Massachusetts, which gives information on the American civil rights movement and facts concerning Martin Luther King, and his alleged Communist affiliation, and other such information from an unknown source in Tampa, Florida.

[redacted] reiterated that none of the literature or cards has made any threat against her; however, she was becoming concerned over the mail she had been receiving and for that reason wanted the FBI to be cognizant.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM reflecting information furnished the San Antonio Office on 3/11/66, by [REDACTED]

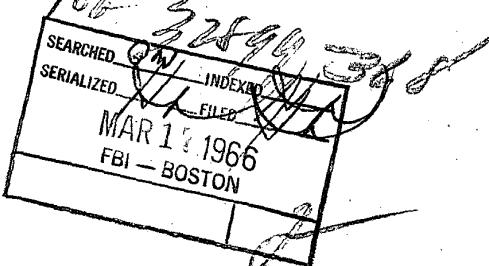
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, Boston (100-32899)

FROM : Director, FBI (62-104401)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC.  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

DATE: 5/11/66

Information has been received by the Bureau that The John Birch Society's publication, "American Opinion," is reportedly preparing an article concerning the Director.

Any information concerning this matter coming to the attention of your office is to be promptly furnished the Bureau. If possible, through established sources, a copy of the proposed article should be obtained prior to publication and immediately forwarded to the Bureau. No action should be taken by your office that would alert The John Birch Society to the Bureau's interest in this proposed article.

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# Welch Tells Why Birch Society Is Lagging

When a man gets his ears pinned back every day all over the country, he tends to pull his head in.

Robert Welch of Belmont, founder and chief of The John Birch Society, does this. But not always.

He has generally taken the stand of the political candidate—don't mention your opponent's name unless you absolutely must.

A former candy maker, Welch obviously can stand the heat of the kitchen. He's been belted long and hard but gives no signs of quitting.

But in his latest bulletin, after an urgent plea for more money and members, he indicates there's a burr under his saddle.

He asks the question, "What Hit the John Birch Society?" and then gives this answer:

"A lot of things. During the last 12 months or more, the efforts to destroy or damage the Society reached a whole new level. It may surprise you to read a very brief review of just some of the major

nationwide attacks we have survived," he tells the members.

He then proceeds to blast away at B'nai B'rith and its Anti-Defamation League, TV Channel 2, the Boston Traveler, arch-conservative William F. Buckley Jr., Democratic and Republican leaders, labor leader Walter Reuther, the National Council of Churches, entertainer Steve Allen and Gordon Hall.

And, he adds, "there continue to be some 1,000 items per day about us in the American press, an appreciable percentage of them offering clear grounds for libel suits if we were unwise enough to bog ourselves down completely and spend our lives as plaintiffs at law."

Welch traces Birch problems back to Dr. Arthur Larson's National Council for Civic Responsibility "which had accepted \$50,000 from the Democratic National Committee" to destroy or damage the Society.

Then he cites the wave of anti-Birch literature, singling out the ADL's "Danger on the Right" by Epstein and Forster which created "utterly false impressions" throughout the nation.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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Boston, Mass.

**BOSTON HERALD**  
Boston, Mass.

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**BOSTON TRAVELER**  
Boston, Mass.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR**  
Boston, Mass.  
**RECORD AMERICAN**  
Boston, Mass.

Date: 5/11/66  
Edition: Late Stocks  
Author: Bob Greamer  
Editor: Homer Jenks  
Title: John Birch Society

Character:

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"One of the most ambitious and most brazen of these nationwide attacks on the Society was carefully prepared and shamelessly carried out by the National Educational Television's 92-station network."

Much of this NET documentary, shown here on Ch. 2, was filmed in Belmont and at a rehearsed Birch chapter meeting in Needham.

#### PUBLIC'S COMMON SENSE SAVED THE DAY

"We had collaborated carefully and cordially with the production crew of NET for several months. Then on the very Wednesday afternoon before the first showing of the film that night, its producer, Miss Sharon Pucker, gave a long interview in the Boston Traveler," Welch writes.

"She boasted of having set out to damage us all she could, and of having tricked us into co-operating with her towards our own destruction.

"The fact that neither the original showing, nor a later viciously slanted rehash, were as decisively damaging as Miss Pucker had hoped, was due entirely to the common sense of the public, the straightforward honesty of our members before

the cameras, and other forces entirely beyond her control."

Welch accuses Buckley of using his magazine National Review and his syndicated newspaper column to "spark a series of widely publicized criticisms of the Society" by leading moderate and "not so moderate" Republicans.

"An excellent girl in our accounting department, for instance, who had been with us for two years, quit the day after Sen. Dirksen issued his blast against us because her father would not let her work any longer for an organization which Sen. Dirksen condemned," Welch discloses.

All of this, however, Welch says, "was merely background and preparation for the far more vicious attack which was intended."

Through an informer, Welch says the Society learned last October of a Washington meeting "attended" by leaders of the Democratic administration, key GOP senators and governors and the attorney general.

"The purpose of the meeting was to plan for such a devastating attack on us by the so-called Republican Co-ordinating Committee when it met

on Dec. 13, that the Attorney General would feel free, without any public investigation whatsoever, to take any official position with regard to the Society that he might wish.

"The basic idea, apparently, was to tie us to the Ku Klux Klans, which were kept very much in the public eye during the next several weeks by an official investigation."

However, Welch recalls, the GOP committee came out with a mild statement about "extremists," not mentioning the Birch Society.

Welch's attack on his critics continues on for several pages, labelling his detractors as "Com-symp" and declaring that the Communists are really turning on the heat to smear his society.

"If we are not to have a worldwide horror, engulfing the United States . . . , Welch concludes, his society "must live and grow and spearhead the resistance, right through all these attacks and smears—until the revulsion finally sets in and the tide has turned."

Judging from the latest Birch bulletin, it is difficult to determine which way the "tide has turned."

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JOHN F. KENNEDY  
FEDERAL BUILDING  
BOSTON, MASS., 02203

Attention Mr. Dick Blasser:

Dear Dick:

I did not call you last Monday because I wanted to get the whole story about the JBS. Here is the story:

(Walworth employee) told me that [redacted] attended a recruiting meeting of the John Birch Society at the Dorchester "Y" on July 25, 1966. He learned of this meeting from a flyer that was left at his home. Others on the street also received the same flyer.

He said that there were about 15 people there with only about 5 or 6 who were not members. They were shown a film with Ezra Taft Benson telling all that the JBS was a good organization to join. The speaker or leader of the group said that there were members of the police and the FBI in the JBS. Several of the present members admitted to being members of the Boston Police. [redacted] said that the leader came from Ashmont Street but cannot remember the number or the name. A [redacted] lives at [redacted]

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After the meeting the leader and [redacted] man tried to get [redacted] to join and to come to the Ashmont address to see more movies. Both he and his mother refused.

[redacted] knows me and told me the story. (Quiet hard working boy.)

Yours

[redacted]  
Texas report included

Will call [redacted] if you  
want me too.

Pictures later  
Attended Aug. 9 peace meeting  
in front of Walworth but did not attend  
Copies before 10 AM  
Mass Auto Plate [redacted] - wearing A-1  
City 1/2 wearing A-1  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-32899)

DATE: 8/26/66

FROM : SA RICHARD H. BLASSER (C)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
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Attached hereto is a letter directed to SA RICHARD H.  
BLASSER from [redacted] dated  
8/10/66.

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Index the following:

[redacted]

Mass. auto plate [redacted] is assigned to the following:

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A reissue, 1959 Ford sedan, bronze,  
issued to [redacted]

Bureau advised by separate airtel

All necessary action taken.

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cc: [redacted]

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TO : SAC (100-5990) 4/20/66  
FROM : SA RICHARD H. BLASSER  
SUBJECT: BOSTON JEWISH PEOPLE'S FORUM

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3/24/66	[Redacted]	SA RICHARD H. BLASSER

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Brief description of activity or material

Various activity of [Redacted]

including [Redacted]  
[Redacted]

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Remarks:

[Redacted] has furnished reliable information in the past. Need not protect his identity. Characterize as having been a former member of the CP who voluntarily furnished information to the FBI.

Informant's report follows:

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DATE 5/27/82

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"To bring you up to date, I inclose my report on  
my trip to Miami Fla. On unfinished business ----  
lookat pictures 000148---first male on the left is

[redacted] bf Unitarian  
Universalist Churches. He was active in Civil  
Rights in the state of Ala.----First male to the  
left 000216 and center of picture 000219 was seen  
Tuesday Feb. 8, 1966 at Arlington Street Church for  
lecture on NEW LEFT AND NEW RIGHT LECTURE'. He was  
driving car no [redacted]

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"The male with glasses next to the above in both  
pictures is [redacted]

"Car plate numbers near meeting of Peoples Jewish  
Forum when Victor Perlo was the speaker.

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"Have pictures of group passing out material on  
Boston Common----Boston Committee for Non-Violent  
Action P.O. Box 323 Boston University Station,  
Boston, Mass. 02215.

"Next big push on March 25 and 26.

"See THE NEWSLETTER PO Box 317 Harvard Square  
Cambridge, Mass. 02138

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"Woman with car NO [REDACTED] was in South Braintree, Jennings News Stand. She was there to collect for 6 American Opinions left with owner. She talked him into carrying the book but he got so many comments that he refused to continue. Woman in big car with husband.

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"Outside 295 Huntington Ave. YSA meeting. Car driven by Negro man and Negro woman got out of car. Plate No. [REDACTED] Woman talked with [REDACTED] for about 5 minutes. They were joined by another Negro who had beared like writer Jones of NY.

"TRIP TO MIAMI FLA, FROM Dec. 24, 1965 to Jan. 2, 1966

"ORGANIZATIONS LISTED

"Challenge Publishing House  
4646 NW 2nd Ave. 7583635

"Visited [REDACTED] It is part of the New Testament

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[REDACTED]  
church and religious groups. He had strong objections to be included in a 'RIGHT WING' listing but said that once he had reprinted some of the material of J L K Smith.

"CITIZEN SPEAK  
142 Glenridge Road  
Key Biscayne Fla.

"REDEDICATION TO GOD AND COUNTRY  
5390 Banyan Dr. 33156

"THESE TWO ADDRESSES NOT CHECKED BY ME AND WERE NOT LISTED IN PHONE BOOK

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"EDUCATION FACT FINDERS

57 SE 6th St Did not exist---no building but [redacted]  
[redacted] said that it was a part of the Dean Manion  
Forum

"VANDIVER PUBLICATIONS

[redacted] Visited [redacted] and the  
above address is his home. He lives with his wife.

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IS OUR CONSTITUTION DOOMED  
TOTAL ABUNDANCE ACHIEVED

"Gave me Sept. 1965 WALLACE LIBERTY LOBBY issue

"He had [redacted]

"Boon on 'Race ????????' book on records to prove  
that Negro was inferior two authors Poss

"He was very interest in the 'race issue' and said he  
was not a racist but that facts prove that the Negro  
was an inferior person. Washington DC is now  
Africanized. He feels that US is headed for a  
dictorship and federal control. He asked me how people  
feel about race question in Boston. I referred him to  
Harris on Boston. It was then that he said that he  
had the paper. He said he gave money to the Liberty  
Lobby when they needed help.

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"AMERICAN OPINION LIBRARY  
80 NW 61 Ave.  
Hialeah, Fla.

[redacted] (spoke on phone to her in 1964.  
At that time she would not let me see Book Store  
because of reasons that she called security.)

"She has withdrawn from the John Birch Society because  
she says that program offered were programs that could  
not be carried to a conclusion such as 'Free Cuba in  
63'. This caused many who had worked hard on the  
project to quit. Welch has make work projects. She  
went to Summit in COLO. [redacted] and heard  
'Walker' who said that they (CP) would take over now  
if they were sure of the masses of voters. Said  
EASTERN BLACKOUT was a part of a plan to take over US.  
CONSERVIVES are only fighting a delaying action against  
liberal - communist take over. 50% of cubans may be  
Communist. US Person in charge of letting in Cubans is a  
Communist----Major Wise and I said 'A Jew?'

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"She replied 'What else?'

"She gave me two leaflets.

"COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE AMERICAN WAY  
80 West 61st St.  
Hialeah, Fla. 33012

"HOW IMPARTIAL IS THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS?

"WHY A TRUE BAPTIST CANNOT SUPPORT BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE  
Meadowland Baptist Church  
Palmetto by Pass at 114th St.  
Rt 1 Box 741  
Hialeah, Fla.

"said that Christian Crusade Book Store 7936 NE 2 Ave  
has been closed and declared bankruptcy. I checked  
store but found no trace.

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"STANLEY POSPISIL  
765 NE 138 St  
754-7325

"AMERICAN PARTY  
CONSTITUTION PARTIES OF U.S.  
PO Box 1  
North Miami, Fla., not used now.

"60 years old, gray bald man--brown eyes. 120#,  
5'2"---shake in hand and has heart condition. Lives  
with wife and 16 year old son.

"Showed me a copy of Women's voice---Chicago Ill. Nov.  
1960  
"Room 800  
537 S. Dearborn St.---  
Author Lyrl Clark Van Hyning

"This article proves that the 'do nothing' John Birch  
Society was set up by one person who is 'international  
banker' and another that is a member of the 'National  
Council of Churches' and the JBS is designed to quiet the  
anti-communist. Pospisil said that Kent Courtney and  
Dean Manion always stay away from 3rd party which he said he  
is trying to form. He supported Strum Thurman's third  
party. Showed me a long letter called

"CURRENTE CALAMO' by Catholic Layman's Council  
PO Box 725  
Union Town, Pa.

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"Told me to contact



"Said she worked in New England on Const. Parties.

"Said to send money to Pa. and to him.

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"Said Jews control Masonic order.  
Speaks against ---Swartz, Welsh, Courtney and Field  
Two party system is controlled by international Jews  
and bankers.

"J. H. Keathley---retired building December 31, 1965  
4250 NW 22nd Ave car plate No Fla. 1W-9407  
Miami, Fla.

"Also on door names of Reigler and Nicks with Keathley  
"Florida States Rights Inc. (building in Negro section  
634-0566)

"Said two of his men were sent to jail and that for all  
intents the Florida States Rights, Inc. was dead. These  
two who were also members of 'Minutemen' and he disclaimed  
any knowledge of bombing. (The bombed home of editor of  
Miami paper.) one got 20 years and the other got 5.

"Said 'Freedom Press' 221-6767  
1468 NW 36th  
Miami, 42, Fla

"Is run by Dickson who is a Baptist minister and is a  
good guy. He objected to my statement about John Birch  
Society and Robert Welsh. He said Welsh is the greatest  
man in the world. He claims to be a Goldwater  
Republican. He did not object to my statements about  
fighting the Jews and gave me a copy of

"The Cross and the Flag'  
'The American Mercury'  
'Common Sense' said that these people fight  
Jews but Common Sense was supported by Jew.

"Conservative Book Club Omnibus Vol. 5

"The Augusta Courier'  
book 'Invasion Alert' Mary B. Ert--Liberty Lobby---  
anti-immigration

"Said that he spent \$75,000  
Gives support to liberty Lobby  
Said that he is not prat of the National States  
Rights Party.

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"His small office is full of all sorts of books. He buys all conservative publications and keeps many of them. He liked the old AMERICAN MERCURY and claimed that he was one of Goldwater's biggest supporters in Miami.

"FREEDOM PRESS  
ECONOMY P.T.G. RUBBER STAMP CO  
1468 NW 36 St. Miami Fla. Next door to radio station WMIE

[redacted] was in charge at the time.

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"He said bumper stickers were 'RIGHT WING'  
'EXTREMIST' 'SUBVERSIVE' and the winked. Said that local TV station had included the store in Extremist Program.

"Lincoln was killed because he wanted a seg society"

"A new bumper sticker 'WHAT'S WRONG IN BEING WHITE' is now being printed

"Gave 10 bumper stickers for \$1.00

'POVERTY FIGHTER  
'SUPPORT COMMUNISM\*\*\*PUY POLISH HAM  
'THE GREAT SOCIETY  
'SUPPORT OUR LOCAL POLICE  
'SHARE WEALTH  
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"The Committee--Anti Reynolds tobacco Co  
Miami Shores Fla 33153

"GOD'S POWER Box 7265 Miami Rev. Wyrick Jr.

"LINCOLN HOPE FOR THE NEGRO unsponsored

"CONGRESSIONAL RECORD April 27, 1965 Dickerson Report

"Shoppers Guide to Communist imports

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"Said [redacted] heads group THE COMMITTEE TO WARN OF THE ARRIVAL OF COMMUNIST MERCHANDISE ON THE LOCAL BUSINESS SCENE Chiropractic Doctor Little River 8124 NE 2 Av 754-3595

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"copy MANION FORUM -- Questionnaire to Congressional Candidates

"letter to Editor Lawrence A Collins  
Independant Press Telegram  
Longbeach Calif

"WHO'S RUNNING THINGS DOWN HERE unsponsored

"LET FREEDOM RING' 221-6767 3541 SW 32 Terrace

"Said that this phone set up in a private home on SW section and is in a room with its own air conditioner. It goes day and night. Can get in 600 calls per day. I said that the John Birch Society handled it up home. He said it is supposed to be seperate but every JBS chapter contribute to its support.

[redacted] said that he came form [redacted] Lives here about 8 years. Most of the rubber stamps are conservative like 'THIS IS A REPUBLIC' etc.

"WMIE is called the Religious voice of Miami. One half of the day is given to religion and the last half to Spanish programs. Most of the programs are Conservative Bible Christian programs. Two programs to convert the Jew to Christ.

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"CHRISTIAN CRUSADE [redacted]

two non-religious programs

"LIFE LINE H. L. H. PRODUCTS Gas-tro-magis Pills

"CONSERVATIVE VIEW POINT Dec. 29, 1965. Part of nation wide program.

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"Programs 311 and 312 are two programs designed to tell all conservatives that they can elect racist congressmen in 1966.

"He claims that Boston proves that the people will vote on the issue of 'Race'. [redacted]

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[redacted] I sent for these two programs.)

Could make good story if more known about group and their strength.  
[redacted]

"He quoted [redacted] who said that the Vet Nam War is controlled by the United Nations and SEATO Executive officer of US and UN forces is a Communist V P SS U Taunt and [redacted] in control.

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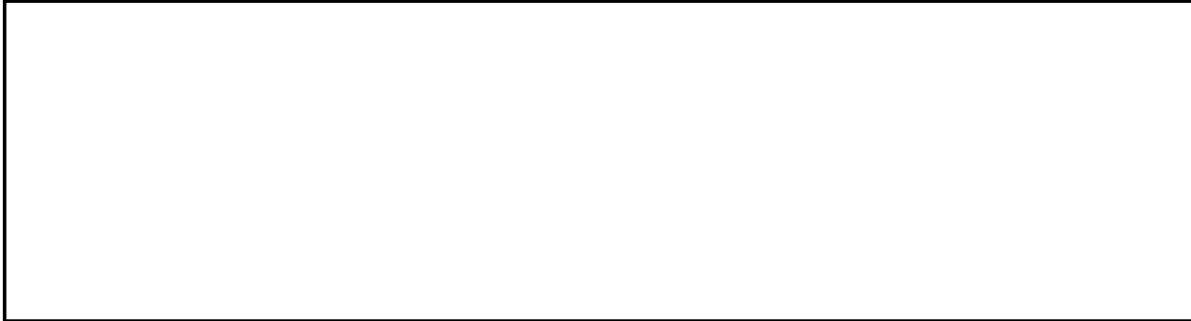
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Will identify holders of following Massachusetts registrations:



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All necessary action has been taken.

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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)  
FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-32899)  
SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC.  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Re Bureau letter dated 5-11-66, advising an article concerning the Director is reportedly to be published in "American Opinion."

On 5-19-66, [redacted] Sullivan  
Brothers Printers, Lowell, Massachusetts, which firm prints 90 per cent of American Opinion, made available proofs of an article which reviews a new book "FBI Man: A Personal History" by LOUIS COCHRAN. This comments on the FBI and the Director and is believed to be the article referred to in referenced letter.

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The proofs are enclosed.

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TO: SAC, BOSTON (100-32899)(C)  
FROM: SA RICHARD H. BLASSER  
SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
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Date(s) of activity

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by Informant \_\_\_\_\_

[Redacted]

Brief description of activity or material

Trip to Texas

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Remarks:

Information from [Redacted] need not be concealed.  
He has testified and is characterized as having furnished  
reliable information in the past. Informant's report  
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"REPORT OF TEXAS TRIP OF

[redacted] Flew

AA to Dallas and by Gray Hound Bus to  
Laredo, Texas.

[redacted] AUSTIN, TEXAS.

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"AMERICAN OPINION BOOK STORE  
712 Brazes St. GR. 6-1488

Store in down-town section of town. Two women,  
one 60 year old.

Other -- [redacted] (late 40's).

"They publish 'Freedom Views' PO Box 983 Austin Texas  
which is also part of Austin Anti-Communist League.

"One half of material was JBS. 4/9 material was [redacted]  
[redacted] Christian Anti-Communist Crusade.

"1/9 were works of [redacted] and American Mercury  
[redacted] talks with him by phone. Says he is  
wonderful and that he is getting ready to go to  
Christian Crusade. [redacted]

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"Bought 2 books

"Will Russia Conquer the World" by I thought [redacted]  
by it is by [redacted] of Miami Bible  
Institute. 900 N.W. 30th Street, Miami, Florida.

"June 1965 American Mercury  
also Pin 'Great Society'

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"They sold 'Truth about Selma' She said, 'In Birmingham I could pick up true story. Gave me copy of 'Night Riders' 100% Klan book. Showed me picture of Negro and White in 'act'. Said that these pictures were not censored.

"Says Lobe 'Manchester Guardian' like local paper 'Borger Texas News-Herald'. Both often print same letters to editor. [redacted] letter in one.

"There are several local chapters. New drive for membership. Did not do well with 'Support Your Local Police' Said membership will pick up with comming of 'Mellon pickers' strike (looking for \$1.25) [redacted] of JBS

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[redacted] in Dallas charges C.P. support  
Thur. July 21, 1966 page 5B  
The Wace News Tribune

"She gave me copy of the 'The Agusta Courier' said she supports this paper.

"She said, 'Human Events' on 18th Congressional District of Texas tells about a strip of land 1 mile X 60 miles of Texas to be given to Mexican Government by Johnson.

[redacted] SAN ANTONIO  
American Publishing Company 806-7 Travis Bldg.  
Constitutional Party 4519 Rimrock  
Both addresses were not in telephone book and operator could not give me any other phone number.

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[redacted] DALLAS, TEXAS

"VISITED [redacted]  
Price Daniels (former Gov.)  
Pastor First Baptist Church of West Dallas  
corner Toronto and Parvia Streets over the bridge from downtown Dallas  
His home is about 5 miles West of Church

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"Went to part of Bible Class and all of morning service.

"He asked if I would lead in prayer but I declined.  
Wanted to know what Right wing organization I belonged  
to. (Am. Institute)

He said he wished I would move down here because we  
need more Right Wingers down here. I showed him  
copy of First Nat. Directory and he said that he had one.

[redacted] He sold me \$1.50

GOD THE ORIGINAL SEGREGATIONIST but wanted to do  
business out side the Church because Jesus might throw  
him out.

"TEMPATATIONS OF GAMBLING Christian Life Commission  
THE BIBLE JUDGES COMMUNISM Southern Baptist Convention

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[redacted] member says she belonged to church for  
long time

[redacted] a good man and in many things (Questioned about  
White Citizens Council)

VIRGINIAS BOOK SHOP  
3812 Gaston Ave.  
Tel-1929

"Had a complete store of Religious Books. Conservative  
and fundamental religion. Store statement of belief.  
Established in 1957. All material 'screened' for  
Biblical truth, sound doctrine.'  
had same Wm. H. Walker book I bought in AUSTIN.

"Bought 'THE FATHERWOOD OF GOD AND THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN'  
American Council of Churches  
'SELECTED TEXT FOR PERSONAL WORKERS'  
'THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES--A MENAGE TO CHURCH  
AND STATE'

The Presbyterian Journal  
Weaverville, N.C.

BS 100-32899

"UNIVERSAL PLAN  
2018 Bennett Ave.

"No answer at this home. Was near to where Speck used to live. 11:30 AM

"AMERICAN BOOK CO  
PARK CITIES NORTH DALLAS NESW  
6930 Snider Plaza Rug weavers hobie shop new at this address

"Called AMERICAN BOOK CO 411 Elm St. Not the same outfit.

"H. L. HUNT PUBLISHING CO.  
1401 Elm St. Dallas Texas  
First National Bank Building  
on the 29th floor of new building  
over looks square where Kennedy killed.

"Was given bundle of 'Life Line Material'  
Went on mailing list as  
Malcolm Mosher  
Rout 2  
PO Box 93  
Union, Maine

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"VISITED  
AMERICAN OPINION BOOK STORE  
8711 McKinney Ave. Dallas Texas  
TA7-5741 also the home of John Birch Society

"Took pictures. In a new building on bus rout to Love Air Field. Book store plus office. There were two young women working therein A.M.

"FREE

"Dallas County Committee  
Support Your Local Police  
PO Box 30383  
Dallas Texas 75230

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"Notice of [redacted]  
speaking on subject Jewish Community and  
the John Birch Society  
Aug. 10, 1958 BAKER HOTEL 8PM  
and attack on ADL

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"FOR SALE

"'GOLD SWINDLE by George Lacey Jordan  
Bumper sticker DOES POLITICS PAY?:? ASK L.B.J.

"Almost all the material was on list of JBS  
but not the Jordan book. They also had the  
book 'Truth of Selma'.

"VISITED

"VOICE OF FREEDOM  
26W. Mockingbird Lane  
Freedom Press, Inc.  
F12-9422 PO Box 20113

"Nashville, Tenn. 37202  
PO Box 128

"SPOKE WITH [redacted]

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"He gave me a whole box full of material without  
cost. I promised to take material into Maine.  
He did not ask for my name and address. He also gave  
me a copy of "THE ROCK's anti-Roman Catholic newspaper  
from Sydney, Australia.

"Roman Catholic church is the chief foe.  
he said that 'RCC has not changed only the properganda  
has changed. The RCC is a bigger threat today than  
ever.' Material on the desk shows letters from all  
over the country.

"VISITED

CITIZENS COUNCIL  
WILSON BUILDING  
1621 Main Street in down town Dallas

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"I could not find name in lobby and I was forced to ask Negro starter. He said 'Is this like a law firm'. I said 'No, more like an association.' (He knew but would not help.) He sent me to room 612 to women accountants. They sent me to building manager. He said that he had no record or knowledge. He sent me to room 723.

"NAME ON DOOR

[REDACTED] No one at home.

"Visited Kennedy shooting park. Took pictures and talked with two men. One from SF and other a native.

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"Bought book 'Dallas' by Warren Leslie

[REDACTED] VISITED [REDACTED]

"She looked like [REDACTED] Office was a mess with checks and other papers all over the office. She could not find any material for me but copy of CITIZENS COUNCIL CHARTER and two membership cards. [REDACTED]  
There were 1954 and 1958 copies of COMMON SENSE ON THE table with other papers.

"She tried to get me an appointment with GENERAL EDWARD A. WALKER but could not because he was getting ready to go to other meetings  
4011 Turtle Circle Lal-4115

"She is active as a person in John Birch Society.  
She gave me KKK name and thinks Walker is great.

She gave me the following names:

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"TEXAS CITIZENS COUNCIL  
1125 Davis Bldg.  
Dallas 2, Texas.

[REDACTED] Citizens Council  
R1 2-5200 Listed in Davis Bldg.  
she gave me Adolphis Tower

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and she said that he is member of KKK  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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"OTHER NAMES OF CHARTER

[REDACTED]

"REPORT OF 'BOSTON CITY NEWS Aug. 11, 1966

"FORT WORTH, TEXAS (NPI)  
Provisional Government of Confederate States of America

"Proclamation dated Feb. 9, 1966 13 Southern States.

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[redacted] Weatherford Texas

"other signers

Gen [redacted]

[redacted]  
Wright Patman congressman

[redacted]  
Gov. George Wallace, Ala.  
Strom Thurmond SC

Rev. [redacted]

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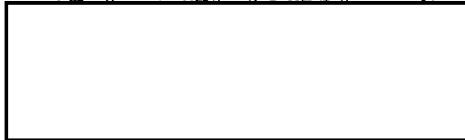
In your register of Right Wing organizations, do you have a listing for -

American Opinion Library  
1014 Post Road  
Darien, Connecticut

Assuming information is for public use, I would appreciate any details you may have.

I bring to your attention a full page advertisement by the American Opinion Library in the Darien (Conn) Review under the date of Thursday, June 16, 1966. The title of the editorial style advertisement is: "What's Wrong with Civil Rights".

Very truly yours,



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## Bircher Urges U. S. Quit U.N.

The United States should pull out of the United Nations and set up another international agency that excludes Communist nations, a member of the John Birch Society said here.

The U.N., according to Samuel L. Blumenfeld, was created by an "international clique whose goal it is to impose by force over all of mankind, a totalitarian world government."

Mr. Blumenfeld is editor of the weekly publication "Review of the News" and a founder of the Jewish Society of Americanists.

He made his comments prior to a speech last night on the United Nations at the Hilton Hotel, sponsored by the American Opinion Forum of Allegheny County.

He said because both the United States and the Communists want a world order there is a battle within the United Nations to see whose terms prevail.

He warned that the Communist nationals have the upper hand because they "control the secretariat from within."

The United States, he said, went into the United Nations for collective security and we can't have that as long as Communist nations belong and can't have a world government with the Communists in it.

"The U. S. is basically at war with the Communists," Mr. Blumenfeld noted. "We are their number one enemy . . . that's what they tell their children."

He said because we cannot



**SAMUEL L. BLUMENFELD**  
Speaks on U. N.

kick the Communists out of the U.N. we should set up another organization of nations with the same ideology for the purpose of collective security.

He said if a constitution for world government drafted by Grenville Clark and Louis B. Sohn, of the Harvard Law School, were to be adopted it would be the end of national security and "individual freedom would be greatly curtailed."

The United Nations serves a purpose as a center for gathering information and for debates, Mr. Blumenfeld admitted, but when one nation wants to use force against another it does it despite the U.N.

He also charged that the

U.N. has been used to wage war against neutrals, notably Katanga.

The writer said the U. S. State Department is in agreement with what the United Nations is doing to lead toward a world government.

The speaker also was critical of Sen. Joseph Clark, who he said is violating his oath of office by advocating that the United States give up its sovereignty in favor of a world government.

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Pittsburgh, Pa.

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## Bircher Asks To Leave UN

The United States should pull out of the United Nations because it is a vehicle for world government which will reduce the sovereignty and freedoms of the American people, a Boston publisher said here last night.

Samuel Blumenfeld, president of Coleridge Press and a member of the John Birch Society, gave his anti-UN views to about 300 attending the first lecture of the American Opinion Forum of Allegheny County, a conservative organization, at the Hilton Hotel.

What the United States should do is align with nations sympathetic with it and not have its power diluted by the UN, Blumenfeld said in an interview.

Defining the UN "as it is presently constituted," he said:

"It's a socialistic-oriented, quasi-world government conceived by an international clique and run by a coalition of political criminals, western socialists and statists whose goal it is to impose by force over all of mankind a world totalitarian government."

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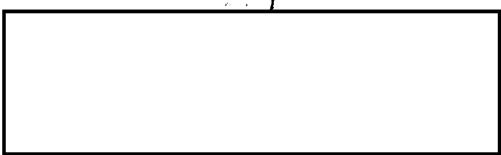
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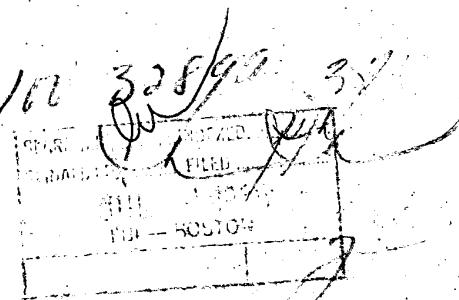
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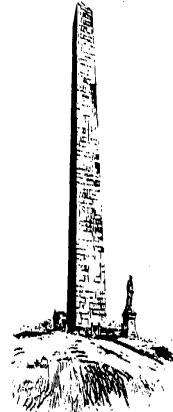
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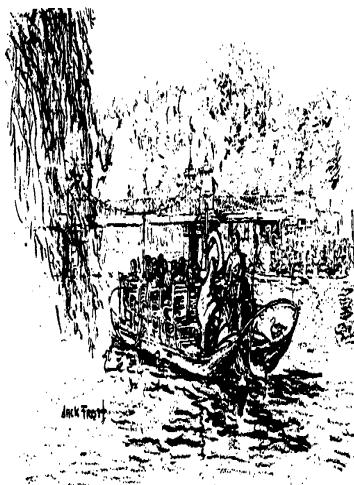
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FRIDAY

BAY STATE ROOM

1:00 P.M.-10:00 P.M.—Registration

1:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M.—Tours



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8:00 P.M.—Informal reception to which all attending the  
Rally are invited.

SATURDAY

BAY STATE ROOM

10:00 - 12:00—Law Enforcement Seminar

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GRAND BALLROOM

2:00—REED BENSON, *Moderator*

Washington representative of The John Birch Society

FRANK FLICK, *Bensenville, Illinois*

President and board chairman of Flick-Reedy Corporation. Outstanding industrialist, philanthropist and leader in the field of education.

Topic: *The Businessman's Image Today*

3:00—DR. WILLIAM C. DOUGLASS, *Moderator*

President of Let Freedom Ring

REV. CECIL TODD, *Joplin, Missouri*

Executive head of the Christian Evangelizers Association. Producer of T.V. and Radio Program "Revival Fires."

Topic: *Blue Print For Slavery*

4:00—DR. GEORGE J. HESS, *Moderator*

Past President of the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons

GORDON M. BROWNING, *Los Angeles, California*

Chief of the Speakers Bureau for the Los Angeles Fire and Police Reserve Association.

Topic: *Subversive Tactics in Education*

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7:30—SCOTT STANLEY, *Moderator*

Managing Editor of American Opinion and The Review of the News

DR. REVILY P. OLIVER, *Urbana, Ill.*

Professor, Classical Languages and Literature, University of Illinois. Scholar of international reputation. Member of 15 learned societies in United States and Europe, including American Historical Association.

Topic: *Conspiracy or Degeneracy*

8:30—KENNETH W. INGWALSON, *Moderator*

Publisher of Crestwood Books

CLYDE J. WATTS, *Oklahoma City, Oklahoma*

Brig. Gen. USAR (ret.). Lawyer who recently won libel awards of \$3,000,000 against the Associated Press for General Walker who was falsely charged with leading a riot in Oxford, Mississippi. National Vice-Commander of Pilots for the American Republic. Chairman of Military Affairs Committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

Topic: *Fourth Dimensional Warfare*

SUNDAY

GRAND BALLROOM

10:00—FRANK A. CAPELL, *Moderator*

Editor, Publisher of The Herald of Freedom

REV. FERRELL GRISWOLD, *Birmingham, Alabama*

Nationally known lecturer, author and clergymen.

Topic: *Communism, A Conspiracy Against God*

11:00

FATHER ANDREW VAN GROLL, *Appleton, Wisconsin*

Retreat Master, lecturer and teacher. Insists on styling himself as a "pick-and shovel" priest.

Topic: *The story of my conversion*

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2:00—ROBERT DILLEY, *Moderator*

Publisher of True News

HONORABLE GLENN O. YOUNG, *Sapulpa, Oklahoma*

Lawyer, judge, author, editor, publisher and lecturer. Member of the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States and of the State of Oklahoma.

Topic: *L.B.J.'s Warren Reporters: Were They Investigating or Compounding Crime?*

3:30—KENT COURTNEY, *Moderator*

Publisher of the Independent American

FATHER FRANCIS E. FENTON, *Bridgeport, Connecticut*

Pastor, Blessed Sacrament Church, Bridgeport. M.A. degree in philosophy Catholic University 1940. S.T.L. degree in theology Catholic University 1944.

Topic: *Nothing But the Truth*

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7:30—E. MERRILL ROOT, *Moderator*

Author and Lecturer

DEAN CLARENCE E. MANION, *South Bend, Indiana*

Former Dean, Notre Dame School of Law. His "Manion Forum of the Air" reaches huge nationwide T.V. and radio audiences. Author of many books, including THE KEY TO PEACE, LIBERTY AND THE POLICE POWER, LET'S FACE IT, and THE CONSERVATIVE AMERICAN.

Topic: *Freedom and Slavery*

8:30—REVILY P. OLIVER, *Panel Moderator*

CLYDE J. WATTS — DEAN CLARENCE E. MANION — MAJOR ARCH E.

ROBERTS — ROBERT S. ADICKES

Topic: *Black Out on Communications*

**MONDAY**

**GRAND BALLROOM**

10:00 - 12:00

**DEAN RICHARDS and JIM STEWART in "Joe Flubbit Sells Freedom."**

Dean Richards, son of Vincent Richards, former Olympic and Davis Cup tennis champion, brings with him a wealth of knowledge in the fields of organizational methods and teaching experience. Mr. Richards will be joined by Jim Stewart in a satirical parody. Immediately followed by "Techniques," an audio-visual presentation by Dean Richards, depicting the technology of winning friends and influencing people in the Salesmanship of Freedom.

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**2:00—GEORGE J. THOMAS, Moderator**

Executive Director of the Congress of Freedom

**MRS. MARY DAWSON CAIN, *Summit, Mississippi***

Editor and owner of the Summit Sun. Nationally known author and lecturer.

**Topic: Where Do We Go From Here**

**3:30—DEVIN A. GARRITY, Moderator**

Lecturer and Publisher of Devin-Adair Books

**EZRA TAFT BENSON, *Salt Lake City, Utah***

Internationally honored Apostle and Member of the Council of Twelve of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Secretary of Agriculture under President Eisenhower, 1953-1961; receiver of Scouting's highest honor in recognition of distinguished service to the boyhood of America.

**Topic: Stand Up And Be Counted**

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**7:00—DINNER**

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Editor of Farm and Ranch Publications

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Young Americans for Freedom

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 3/18/66

FROM: SA JOHN C. SEATON (#42)

SUBJECT:

ROBERT-WELCH INC  
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SAMUEL EVERETT

On 3/14/66, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the current mailing list of the Weekend Edition of "The Worker". "The Worker" is an east coast Communist newspaper.

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The name and address of the individual shown above were on this list.

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TO : SAC, BOSTON

DATE: 10/14/66

FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE (100-22382) -RUC-

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] b6  
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY b7C

[REDACTED] Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations (DCS Ops), U. S. Army Intelligence Command, Fort Holabird, Baltimore, Maryland, advised SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED] on 9/27/66 that during the course of a background investigation completed on 8/17/66, it was determined that captioned subject was a member of the John Birch Society, Belmont, Massachusetts. [REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Subject's Army intelligence investigative file [REDACTED] made available by a representative of the U.S. Army Investigative Records Repository (USAIRR), Fort Holabird, was reviewed on 10/3/66 by SA [REDACTED]. This file reflects [REDACTED] and has Social Security No. [REDACTED] A background investigation, requested on 4/13/66 by the Chief, Defense Industrial Security Clearance Office (DISCO), Defense Supply Agency, Columbus, Ohio, was completed by DSC OPS, Fort Holabird, on 8/17/66. On 8/31/66, [REDACTED] was issued a Secret clearance by DISCO.

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Enclosed for information and assistance of Boston, New Haven and New York are copies of the following documents reflecting background and investigative information developed by the Army:

1. Personnel Security Questionnaire (DD Form 48), 3/23/66.
2. Ten Agent Reports, dated 7/1/66 through 8/9/66.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)  
FROM: SAC, BOSTON (100-32899) (C)  
RE: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Attached herewith is a Xerox copy of a letter dated 8/10/66 and received 8/16/66, addressed to SA RICHARD H. BLASSER and which is self-explanatory.

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Discreet efforts will be made to identify the "speaker" or "leader" in the event the Bureau desires to give consideration to interviewing him.

Bureau will be advised.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)  
FROM: SAC, BOSTON (100-32899) (c)  
SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Re Boston airtel dated [redacted] with attached letter  
from [redacted]

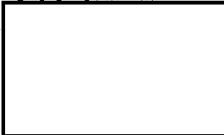
[redacted]  
[redacted] has advised that from information furnished  
on extremist  
groups, Boston, Massachusetts, that the speaker is believed to  
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No further action being taken UACB.

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To the Director  
Office of F.B.I.  
Boston, Mass.

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Dear Sir, I am [redacted] years old, married and the father of [redacted] I work as a [redacted] for [redacted] in [redacted]

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[redacted] Mass., where they make their [redacted]  
I have been becoming more and more disturbed (or perhaps alarmed would be better), at what I have been reading in the newspapers and hearing on t.v. that doesn't make sense. Our foreign policies and overseas economic agreements seem to be greatly helping the spread of Communism throughout the world. I see more and more the influence , of what appears to me, to be the effect of Communist infiltration in this country; Supreme Court decisions, breakdown of morals, generally introduction of what evidently is Communist propaganda in the childrens section of our local library, to the extent that my wife and I have to screen all Fairy tale books , and others that our children bring home for reading at bedtime, also Church sermons seem to be going along with the slackening of morals.

I have talked to many peole about these things ; some are concerned because of having experienced some of this themselves but most seem to disbelieve the seriousness of this or they ~~not~~ realize it to a certain extent but don't really care to try and do anything about it. I couldn't just take an attitude like this. I decided to go into it deeper. I read some books put out by the John Birch Society, "None Dare Call it Treason", "It's very Simple" by Alan Stang, and am now reading "Masters of Deceit". As a result of all this, I have become suspicious and distrustful of everything and feel greatly frustrated because ~~of having~~ I want to try and do something about all this if it is true. but don't really know what I could do, being just [redacted]

I would like to know if the John Birch Society is cleared by the F.B.I. and if what they say that these books indicate about Communist infiltration from within is true. I would like to know also if you would send me any literature that would help me to recognize and understand Communists propaganda when I see it and and also what they are trying to do and how they do it. I would like if possible a copy of the F.B.I.'s list of Communist front organizations and infiltrated organizations. I would like to know also if you think the John Birch Society is a good organization to associate myself with to do something about all this. If there is anything I can do or help with to try and stop all this please let me know, as I can't just sit and let all this go by without trying to do something.

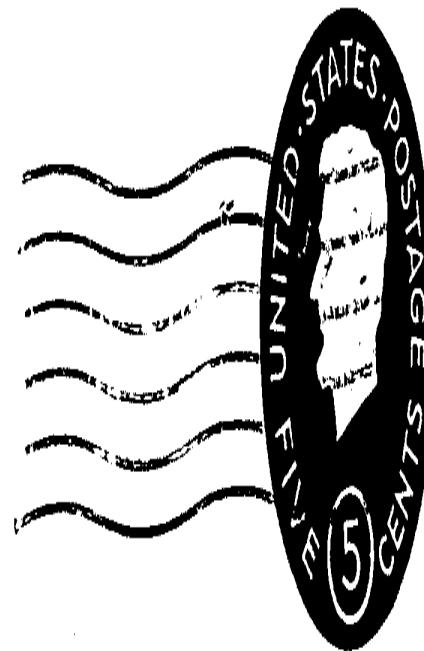
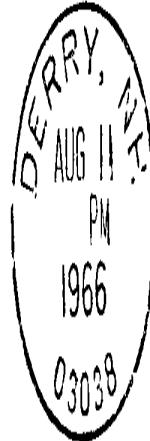
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Director  
Office of Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Boston, Mass.

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August 15, 1966

and/or

A source, who has furnished reliable information  
in the past advised on August 4, 1966, that [redacted]  
[redacted] and a member of the  
Quincy School Committee, desired to meet.  
[redacted] had done all business with [redacted] by phone.

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[redacted] advised that several of the Postal  
employees were members of the John Birch Society. He  
was very interested in the activity but is not a member.  
He indicated he would like to stay the full three days  
but had to be elsewhere.

Source advised that the above was on the occasion  
of the God, Family and Country Rally, Boston, Massachusetts,  
on July 2, 3 and 4, 1966, sponsored by the John Birch  
Society.

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SAC, BOSTON (100-32899-)

[REDACTED]  
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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Re Baltimore letter to Boston dated 10/14/66,  
captioned as above.

For the information of recipient offices, the  
Bureau has previously instructed that no investigation be  
conducted concerning the John Birch Society.

For the further information of Baltimore, Boston  
files contain no reference to captioned individual.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)  
FROM: SAC, BOSTON (100-32899)(C)  
SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Attached hereto is the original and four copies of  
a blind memorandum dated 8/15/66 and captioned [redacted]

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The Bureau may desire to disseminate the memorandum  
to the U. S. Post Office, Washington, D. C.

The source is [redacted]  
[redacted] whose identity is being concealed in view of the  
conditions under which the information was received.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

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SAC, BOSTON (100-32899) (2)

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
INTERNAL SECURITY

On 10/26/66, Mr. ISADORE ZACK, New England Director, Anti-Defamation League, 72 Franklin St., Boston, Mass., made available the enclosed circular which is a reprint of an article appearing in the Boston Herald of July 13, 1966. Mr. ZACK advised that this reprint was prepared and is being circularized by the John Birch Society.

The Boston Herald is a morning newspaper published daily in Boston, Mass.

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John Fitzgerald Kennedy Federal Building  
Government Center, Boston, Mass. 02203  
August 17, 1966



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Dear Sir:

Your letter dated August 10, 1966 has been received.

Please be advised that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency and information in our files is confidential and available for official use only. The FBI makes no evaluations or recommendations concerning the character or integrity of any organization, individual or publication. Our inability to furnish any comment should not be interpreted as implying that we do or do not have information in our files concerning the subject of your inquiry.

For your information, you may obtain a list of organizations designated under Executive Order 10450 by directing a request to the Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., attention of Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division.

The interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

Very truly yours,

JAMES L. HANDLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

Registered Mail

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# 'U.S. Controlled By Reds'

PRINCETON, N.J. — Robert Welch of Belmont, Mass., who founded the John Birch Society, said last night the United States

is "60 to 80 per cent Communist controlled."

Welch said only about 2 per cent of the U.S. population is Communist, but he warned, "they have insinuated into positions of power."

Welch said the Sino-Soviet rift is "a fraud and a hotx."

"It is a stage managed show planned since 1952 and designed to lead to World War III" he told a Princeton University audience.

He said once again that the Birch Society is not a political group.

"If we tried to dictate to the membership how to vote, the society would be destroyed," he said. "If the John Birch Society should achieve political power it might be dictatorial just like any other group."

Welch opened the meeting by saying, "I'm sorry to disappoint you, but my wife forgot to pack my brown shirt and black arm band."

He said of the exclusion of Adam Clayton Powell from Congress: "If the Communists can convince the Negroes that Powell was hurt because he was a Negro, they have succeeded in stirring up hate. The Communists are involved in the civil rights movement to profit from

the hate and the dissension it can stir up."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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Boston, Mass.

Date: 3-9-67  
Edition: Late Stocks  
Author:  
Editor: Homer Jenks  
Title: Security Matter

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-32) (P)

DATE: 3/8/67

FROM : SA RICHARD H. BLASSER

SUBJECT: NATIONAL SOCIALIST WHITE PEOPLE'S PARTY, Aka.  
The American Nazi Party,  
American Nazis,  
The World Union of Free Enterprise  
National Socialists,  
The George Lincoln Rockwell Party  
RM (ORGANIZATION)  
OO: RICHMOND.

Attached hereto for New Haven is a copy of a report dated 1/9/67, furnished by the Boston Police Department on 1/26/67, and which sets forth information concerning Mid-Town Motor Inn, Boston, Mass., on 1/7/67. Philadelphia and Baltimore have been advised separately. A copy of the report is being retained in the Boston files.

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AT NEW HAVEN, CONN.

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Will identify holder of Conn. registration [redacted]

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- (1 - 157-dead) [redacted]
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- (1 - 157-453) [redacted]
- (1 - 157-446) [redacted]
- (1 - 157-dead) [redacted] LNU, TREASURER)
- (1 - 100-32899) (JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY)
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POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON  
AMERICAN NAZI Party

DISTRICT OR UNIT...Four...  
RM (ORGANIZATION)

January 9, 1967

Central Complaint No. \_\_\_\_\_

Journal Date \_\_\_\_\_

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TO	(NAME) Herbert F. Mulloney	(RANK) Superintendent	(DIST. OR UNIT)
FROM		Captain	b6 b7C

Commanding District Four

SUBJECT: Meeting of American Nazi Party at Mid-Town Motor Inn.

Sir:

In compliance with directive received from the Office of Superintendent Herbert F. Mulloney, Chief, Bureau of Field Operations, dated January 6, 1967, relative to the American Nazi Party holding a meeting at the Mid-Town Motor Inn, 220 Huntington Avenue, on Saturday, January 7, 1967, I respectfully report that Sergeant [redacted] made observations at this meeting.

About 1:00 A.M., Saturday, January 7, 1967, Sergeant [redacted] checked the registrar of the Inn and found no record of a person named Rockwell registered here. A sign in the lobby advertised the meeting of the Parker Publications Sales in the North Beacon Room at 6:00 P.M. on January 7, 1967. About 6:45 A.M. same date, Sergeant [redacted] made a similar inspection at the Inn and found Rockwell not registered.

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About 5:30 P.M. Saturday, January 7, 1967, Sergeant [redacted] with Detective [redacted] and Special Officers [redacted] and [redacted] went to the Mid-Town Motor Inn and conducted an investigation which disclosed that a [redacted] had contacted the Inn and made reservations for the North Beacon Room for a [redacted] Publications, Nashua Road, East Pepperell, Massachusetts, for 6:00 P.M. this date. He requested a speakers table, a lectern and theatre-style chairs.

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Although the above officers were not able to obtain a visual view of the North Beacon Room they were able to ascertain from conversation therein that the meeting was in charge of [redacted] he being the principal speaker and that there were fifteen (15) males present. [redacted] stated that Mr. Rockwell would not be present, but that in the future if enough people were interested enough to come to a meeting Mr. Rockwell would also come. That enough interest would have to be shown before Party Headquarters would send a couple of officers to help in organizing such meetings. The following names, [redacted] and [redacted] were also mentioned as attending these meetings.

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One unidentified man then talked about his union newspaper and how he is able to slip news items into the paper by going into the news room when the workers there are on their coffee break and giving the items to a friend of his.

Another man stated that he had [redacted] police force in Quincy. Also stated that there was some activity in Quincy and that a lot of people believe as we do but are afraid to say so.

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Another man then said he bet 100 to 1 that the room they were in was burned (general laughter). Some one else wanted to know where [redacted] was. [redacted] then said that they would have had a much larger crowd, but the threatening weather held it down. Another said that they should not deviate from the party line for any reason and that we need a dictator like Hitler because we cannot get along with the democratic process.

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From the conversation it was deduced that [redacted] was in charge of the Boston area and that [redacted] was the treasurer. A collection was then taken up to defray the expenses of the meeting.

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Reference made to a Storm Trooper who at the present time is in the U.S. Army and unlucky enough to have a C.O. who is a Jew and a first Sergeant who is a nigger, but that he will be discharged shortly and be able to come to Boston.

Motion made by member that radio station WEEI should be picketed because it's the most subversive station in the country. Station WYRT was mentioned as another.

[redacted] then stated that P.O. Box 1363 was the new mailing address for Washington D.C.

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[redacted] then asked how many were interested in starting a Headquarters and apparently twelve of the fifteen men present answered in the affirmative. [redacted] seemed irritated by the response and complained that he had just spent \$1,000.00 during the past month for office equipment and that he did not want to start spending further money on a Headquarters if there wasn't enough interest shown.

Mention made that more good Nazis were coming out of the John Birch Society than any other outfit. Also that a group would be going to the Headquarters in Arlington, Virginia in a couple of weeks.

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[redacted] also stated that they could expect "nigger" riots and demonstrations in Boston during the coming year. He stated that [redacted] had five focal points picked out for such incidents during this year and they included Boston, Baltimore and Philadelphia.

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[redacted] then told his audience that he had picked out the town of Hollis, New Hampshire as the site for their new Headquarters. This site was chosen because it is in New Hampshire where the laws and restrictions are not as numerous and as tough as they are in Massachusetts. That they will be able to travel back and forth to Boston fairly easily. That Hollis has only one (1) regular police officer and two (2) special officers and they should expect no trouble from that end. Another member then mentioned that it was easy to get firearms cheap in New Hampshire.

[redacted] stated that anyone who didn't think that Rockwell could be elected President of the U.S. was crazy. That if a man like Lester Maddox could be elected Governor of his state, a man like Rockwell could very well be elected President. That when people really learned the truth about things they would be all for Rockwell.

He further said that there wasn't much that the Party could do during the winter months, but that when spring came they would be able to hold meetings on the Boston Common, make speeches, pass out literature, make use of tape recorders and in general obtain some publicity which is something that is badly needed at the present time. That Headquarters would probably send a few storm troopers to help out at these meetings.

[redacted] then instructed two of the members present to write him letters on some subject (unable to ascertain this) and he, [redacted] would see that they were published.

A great deal of time was spent in playing what were apparently tape recordings of debates between Rockwell and colored persons during which Rockwell attacked and criticized the colored race and his opposite number in this debate defended them.

During the entire meeting the "niggers" "jews" and communists came under constant attack by the members attending this meeting.

The meeting then disbanded at about 8:30 P.M. at which time [redacted] advised those present to keep in touch and they would have another meeting in a months time. No mention was made of a place, time or date.

The officers then attempted to obtain the registrations of automobiles used by the members of this meeting as they left the Motor Inn, but were only able to observe them entering and leaving by vehicles bearing the following registrations. Connecticut [redacted] Massachusetts [redacted] [redacted] Unable to obtain listing on these numbers at the present time.

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The rest of the party left the Motor Inn on foot and went off in various directions.

Before and after this meeting the officers were able to observe some of the members attending this meeting. There were seven youths all in their early twenties, all average build, long hair and all wearing either black leather jackets or car coats. These seven youths were among those who left the building on foot.

[redacted] is described as 40-45 years, 5-10, 140 lbs, thin build with gray hair.

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The above officers received the utmost cooperation and assistance from the [redacted] Motor Inn, [redacted] and without such aid, would not have been able to make a such complete investigation.

Respectfully submitted,

Captain Commanding District F

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FD-306 (3-27-58)

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DATE 01-26-2012

TO : SAC (100-4704)  
 FROM : SA RICHARD H. BLASSER  
 SUBJECT: CPUSA, LOS ANGELES  
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DATE: 8/22/66

Date received  
8/5/66Received by  
SA RICHARD H. BLASSER

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Date(s) of activity

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by Informant \_\_\_\_\_

Brief description of activity or material

"Notes" of [redacted] concerning captioned

matter and John Birch Society

File where original is located if not attached

## Remarks:

The identity of [redacted] need not be concealed as he has testified openly. In LHM to Bureau captioned [redacted]  
 [redacted] identity was concealed because of the circumstances under which received.

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Informant's report follows:

INDEXED TO BS 100-4704:

cc: [redacted]

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"Letter from  
COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (M.-L.)  
dated July 1, 1966

"Dear [redacted]

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"We have received your letter of June 22, 1966, and are pleased by your appreciation of our material. As you request, we will keep you on our mailing list.

"We agree that visits to the Socialist nations would be of great value in our reports on international communism. We are already printing in the PEOPLE'S VOICE ARTICLES (the articles are sent to us by 'China Features'). We, of course, seek to improve our accuracy and first hand knowledge of the international affairs we report.

"As regard your offer to distribute some of our literature to some people now active in the PLP, we find your suggestion excellent. Beginning with the next issue of the PEOPLE'S VOICE, we will send you five (5) copies of each issue in order to see what success you have. Please let us know how the distribution of the five issues goes, and see if you can form a PEOPLE'S VOICE readers' circle to meet and study the newspaper.

"Hoping to hear from you soon, we remain,

"Sincerely yours,

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For the Secretariat.

"P.S.: Any donations you might be able to make or receive from your friends on behalf of the newspaper or the Party would be most welcome.

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BS 100-4704

"ATTENDING GOD, FAMILY and COUNTRY RALLY July 3, 2, & 4

"On July 2, 1966

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He is also a member of the Quincy School Committee. He asked me if I knew [REDACTED] by sight because he wanted to meet him. He said that he had conducted all business with him by phone. He said that several of the Postal employees were members of the John Birch Society. He was very interested in the activity but not a member. He would like to stay the full three days but must be elsewhere.

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"At this address:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

"The person attending was young---therefore

[REDACTED]

Salesman 23 Phone [REDACTED]  
Father answered phone and said [REDACTED] was not in.

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

"is the only [REDACTED] name in the [REDACTED] Telephone book  
Not sure that this is the same as [REDACTED]"

Los Angeles and Bureau have been advised by separate communications.

All necessary action has been taken in connection with information furnished as above.

John F. Kennedy Federal Building  
Government Center  
Boston, Massachusetts 02203  
March 14, 1967

[Redacted]  
Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter dated March 9, 1967 has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the function of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as a fact-gathering agency, does not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I regret, therefore, that I am unable to comply with your request for information.

Very truly yours,

JAMES L. HANDLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

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March 9, 1967

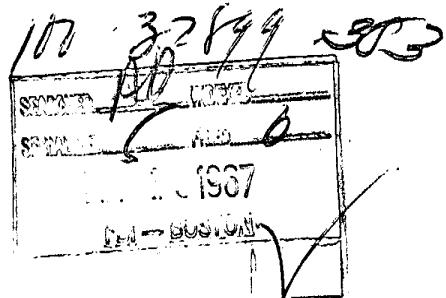
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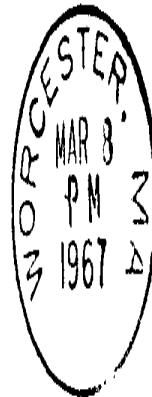
Dear Sir.

Is the John Birch Society Belmont 78, Mass communist or Anti-Communist, also is the Book "None dare call it Treason" by John A. Stormer communist or not communist.

Thank You.

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Federal Bureau of Inv.  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DATE 01-26-2012

TO : SAC(100 - 32899

DATE: 3/33/67

FROM [redacted]

CLERK

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
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on 3/33/67, [redacted]

of the RADNOR PRESS, 332 WATERTOWN ST, NEWTON, MASS.,  
telephone [redacted] telephonically advised he  
was approached by the above captioned society  
to do some printing for them and was calling to ask  
for advice whether to accept this printing job.

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[redacted] was advised the FBI could  
offer no recommendation, conclusion, opinion or give  
any advice on this matter, that this decision ~~to~~  
would have to make by him.

This is for information only on above Society

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FROM: SA RICHARD H. BLASSER  
SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INTERNAL SECURITY

DATE: 6/26/67

Date received <b>5/25/67</b>	Received from (name or symbol number) [redacted]	Received by <b>RICHARD H. BLASSER</b>
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Date(s) of activity

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Brief description of activity or material

Visit to Erie, Pa., Cleveland, Ohio,

Pittsburgh, Pa., Wilkinsburg, Pa.,

Harrisburg, Pa., Newark, N.J.

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Remarks:

[redacted] identity need not be concealed; reliable;  
report follows:

5 - Cleveland (RM)  
5 - Pittsburgh (RM)  
2 - Newark (RM)  
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(1 - 100-32899) (John Birch Society)  
(1 - [redacted])  
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"WEEK OF [REDACTED] Plus by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA

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"Several downtown stores carried "Support your Local Police" stickers on the store front (SYLP is a front group for the John Birch Society.) Example "Records Bar" 917 State St. selling Radio, TV and records. The manager of store said that he did not know that sign was JBS but the sign was still on the door the next day.

"Said that there was no market for the Oswald record. He would take some on assignment but would not buy. I told him I was not selling.

"Let Freedom Ring is listed in telephone book but did not find any American Opinion Book store. One book store manager of the biggest book store in town did not know about American Opinion Books.

"LET FREEDOM RING 814-455-7561 made reference to Consular Accord Treaty with Russia which was said to allow Russian spies, Etc into U.S. Is framed as an open letter to Senator. Places blame on Senator and questions his motives.

[REDACTED]  
"ATTENDED 'ERIE REVIVAL CENTER'. 41st and Washington. Erie Pa. The small church had about 80 men, women and children attending. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Sunday night program included [REDACTED] who would tell how he was tortured, sentenced to die, escaped the Communist firing Squad, and Christ became his Savior. Service in small church. Attending on mongolian 30 year old girl carrying a loll. Others with physical effects. Saw family of 6-2 children and mother had defects. Hand clapping--fire brand--yelling preacher. 'I told you he is coming back.' 'I told You' etc. Confession at the rail. One brings Mother to Christ to be saved.

"Went to Cleveland-- Arrived around 4 in the after noon.

"NEAR 10,000 Euclid I picked up flyer of MESSENGER MUHAMMAD YUSUF. a splinter of BLACK MUSLIMS but says not taught by Elijah Muhammad

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"ATTENDED 'MILITANT FORUM'

"SPEAKER

"SUBJECT 'The Lesson of Indonesia'

"This is a re-hash of a leaflet called 'The Catastrophe in Indonesia' threee articles on the Fatal Consequences of the Communist Party Policy"

[redacted] said 'This was half revolution which was caused by an attempt by PKI to join with Sukarno, nationalist, the Muslim groupings and other anti-Communist groups.'

"I was questioned by young man after meeting.  
Later following by two youth looking at my number plate.  
They drove Ohio car [redacted]

"OTHER PURCHASES

'BLACK POLITICAL REVIEW'  
P.O. Box 7075  
NORTH END STATION  
DETROIT MICHIGAN 48202

"Inside are several markings in red ink

"Front page --word --DERRICK  
Page 23 TE 2-2314

"MILITANT FORUM

"Is in the general area of riot. Cops are all over--- Cold nite and not many people on street. Negro Paper

'CALL AND POST'  
Said 'SOULD BROTHERS' NOT IMMUNE AS LOOTERS HIT ON EAST SIDE

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"One break at 10,008 Euclid near meeting but no knowledge of connection known 'CLEANED OUT\*\* This is the second time I've been hit, now I'm forced out.' These were the words of a young Euclid Ave. businessman, Curtis Hill owner of CURTIS ELECTRONICS.

"NORTH AMERICAN ALLIANCE OF WHITE PEOPLE  
10,145 Eureka Parkway  
Cleveland, Ohio

"Is the 20,000 dollar home of [REDACTED] His wife was home alone--as protection she called her husband prior to answering the door. The house has big picture window and she told me that she was on the phone. I said that I was interested in selling Oswald record and she put me on the phone with husband [REDACTED] He mad appointment to meet me at Lincoln-Jefferson Book Store 11846 Lorain Ave. Cleveland, Ohio 44111 the following night. [REDACTED] works for phone company.

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"Home phones [REDACTED]

"NEIGHBORHOOD BOOK SHOPPE  
10,315 Superior 231-9375  
Cleveland, Ohio

"Was in the phone book with ad for Negro History Books, etc. There was no evidence that I could see that it was anything but that.

"A few doors down was:

"BEY'S MOORISE ARTS  
10,345 Superior  
Cleveland Ohio

"Store was not in telephone book. Windows were filled with art items and books on self defense. Also records of Malcolm X. Store manager was wearing crest and star on shirt and cap. Appeared to be a center of a Black Nationalist Group but not Black Muslim

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"SCHROEDER'S BOOKS AND NEWS  
202 Superior Ave. NE 621-5179  
Cleveland, Ohio

"Out of town papers, books (paper and hard cover) and most of standard books and papers. Including 'American Opinion' but nothing to imply any support of any radical organization.

"LINCOLN JEFFERSON BOOK STORE  
11846 Lorain Ave.  
Cleveland, Ohio 44111

"Arrived about 6 in the evening. I told them who I was and they got in touch with [redacted] by phone. He said that he would be there about 8 so I had about 2 hours around the shop. There were four in the shop at the time. Older man J.E. (55 or so), 36 year old man with glasses ran the shop. Other man about 48. All wore working clothing. The group is CHRESTIAN NATIONALIST CRUSADE PO Box 27895, Los Angeles California. It claims to be headquarters for WALLACE FOR PRESIDENT.

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"Other material THE COUNCILOR (Citizens Council)  
North American Alliance of White People (local)  
THUNDER BOLT (National States Rights Parry)  
COMMON SENSE (Christian Education Assn)  
SONS OF LIBERTY PO Box 1896 Hollywood 90028

"NOTE\*\*\*THE THUNDERBOLT has now moved to  
PO Box 6263 Savannah, Georgia 31405

"The group is in the process of trying to get George Wallace on the ballot for the Christian Conservative Party. They need so many signatures that it is doubtful that they will be able to make it. On Sat. May 6 the brought SHERIFF JIM CLARK of Selma, Alabama to speak on the GEORGE WALLACE STORY at the Lakewood Civic Auditorium. The telephone number given on the flyer is the home of [redacted]

[redacted] came in and said that he had hear the record and would carry them if I sent them to him.

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"Most of the talk was about Wallace and his chances in New Hampshire etc. I gather that this small group is a very dangerous organization. They are willing to distrube any of the anti-Jewish and anti-Negro material. They are Rank and Raw Racist. Support Local Police plus Keep Red China out of UN Mich Plate DT 9484 Support Local Police--Christ and Anti-Christ. Ohio Plate AN 8772

"THE CITIZENS LEAGUE OF GREATER CLEVELAND  
502 Ten-Ten Euclid Building  
Cleveland Ohio 44115 Established 1896

"Talked with [redacted]  
A good consertive organization. Mostly economic and political group.

"AMERICAN OPINION LIBRARY OF CLEVELAND  
14,908 Lake Shore 531-1908  
Cleveland Ohio This was about 5 miles from the center of town. Small book shop with American Opinion Material Plus [redacted] etc. It is to be noted that they had the Nargis (Oswald) record. Although most of the people said that the store was open at 10 PM. There was no one there at 12 noon ---so I left for Pittsburgh, Pa.

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"THE PITTSBURGH PRESS  
Wednesday April 26, 1967  
Page 1 and 4

"BIRCHERS HERE OPEN 'BACK WALLACE' DRIVE

"Formation of 'Western Pennsylvania Citizens for Wallace was announced today by three members of the John Birch Society. [redacted] Penn Hills housewares distributor and [redacted] in Penn Hills JBS. [redacted] Others who are also members or the JBS

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[redacted] or Westinghouse Electric Corp.  
[redacted] (not present at Hilton Hotel news conference)

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"Campaign headquarters will be established in the Municipal Shopping Center at 12,244 Frankstown Rd. this proved to be a dance studio for children.

[redacted]  
[redacted] Seen in front of Hotel to welcolm Wallace.

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[redacted] Pittsburgh, Pa.

"Attended the protest meeting against Wallace. Mixed crowd - Whites, Negroes priests teenagers elementary school age children. [redacted] United Negro Protest Committee Took pictures in overcast weather --poor quality. Several Negro figured me for Police--THE MAN\*\* Said F--- that white man Kill him.

"Wallace had 100% police protection. There were two women and two women to welcolm him but they were taken inside the hotel later. One was [redacted] That same nite I attended a special Youth picture for the [redacted] [redacted] called 'For Pete's Sake!' There were Negro and white in the audience. And Negro and white youth were sitting behind me. I asked a 15 year old boy and girl what they would do to keep Wallace from getting into power. The boy said 'I'd kill him.'

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"Louis T. Byers, Western Pennsylvania Coordinator for the John Birch Society. He said the Birch Society does not support any candidate or party and that JBS members who have formed a Wallace for President committee did so as individuals. Byers said he was invited as a guest at Amen Corner dinner.

"Most anti-Wallace pickets said Pittsburg would never be the same. They felt that the town Fathers should have prevented Wallace from comming to town.

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"AMERICAN OPINION LIBRARY  
1202 Wood St. 241-9833  
Wilkinsburg, Pa.

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"Was not open April 28 until 7 PM This was around noon. There was a Let Freedom Ring Number in the window. Regular number of JSB and bumper stickers.

"CHRISTIAN AMENDMENT MOVEMENT  
804 Pen. Ave.  
Wilkinsburg, Pa. 371-9498

"I did not have time to check this one out. All action is North East of the city of Pittsburg. The JBS is the leader in what is known as Penn Hill section. A middle-class housing development.

[REDACTED] HARRISBURG, PEN.

Material will explain all convention action, speeches and resolutatons.

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25 Annual Spring Convention of the American Council of Christian Churches April 25-28, 1967 200 attended.

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Auto Plates Pen Maryland [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] claimed US Senators sec. prevented passing out leaflets about meeting at Zombo Temple [REDACTED] him from radio [REDACTED] was to be the main speaker.

Survival Kit program (local)

"Saturday, April 29, 1967  
Newark, NJ  
Saw part of program on TV Channel #5  
Allen Burke Program

[REDACTED] General Secretary Communist Party Marxist Leninists

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[REDACTED] tried to make out that [REDACTED]

I did not see enough of the program to make a judgement of effect.

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[redacted] revised Verne P. Kaub's book  
COMMUNIST SOCIALIST PROPAGANDA IN AMERICAN SCHOOLS

[redacted]  
MILITANT LABOR FORUM  
295 Huntington Ave.

"speaker [redacted] The Meany-Reuther Split

"About 10:40 Three cars left

"Mass. Plates [redacted]

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[redacted] Auto plate of Milton man and wife  
in Milton Civil Rights Fellowship and Peace groups.  
Not sure of any further activities."

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Determine holder of Mass. Plate

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[redacted] [redacted]  
It is being left to the discretion of those offices receiving a copy of this report as to what leads, if any, they may desire to cover and dissemination of this report in their office to pertinent files.

All necessary action taken.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
MEMORANDUM

MAY 19 1967

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (97-169)

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT:

Date:

ROBERT-WELCH INC  
BELMONT MASS 02178 2  
S-17-68-MR-W-0

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On 4/18/67, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the current mailing list of the Weekend Edition of "The Worker." "The Worker" is an east coast Communist newspaper.

The name and address of the individual shown above was on this list.

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7/17/67

SP R.V. Sullivan Jr.  
John Birch Society  
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Re memo SA Richard H. Blascer

6-26-67

Attached is the result of check  
at registry of motor vehicles on 7-7-67  
by [redacted] [redacted] registration numbers  
listed in referenced memo.

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Names on the attached are being  
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1965 Ford - Mustang - 2 dr. coupe - Color - Red

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2 dr. Sedan - 1956 Mercury - Custom - color - yellow/white

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1966 Volvo - Sedan / - 2 dr. Sedan - Color - Black

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1965 Chevy - Belair - 4dr. Sedan - color - green

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1966 Volvo - 4dr. Sedan - color - Sand

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## Birchers Jog Cape Drivers

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**WAREHAM**—As that Cape Cod-bound tourist with vacation fever passes through this town near the canal his thoughts may stray from the villainy of big government or who's to blame for China falling to the Communists.

So, John Birch Society members from nearby Marion thought busy Rte. 28, the Cranberry Highway, would be a good place to open an American Opinion Library.

There are some 500 of these libraries in the United States," says Frederic S. Bacon Jr., section leader of the society chapter in Marion and a library director. The new Wareham outlet is one

of only two in New England, the other in Stamford, Ct. There's also a bookmobile that operates out of Dedham.

Bacon says Robert Welch, founder of the society, called for American Opinion Libraries to dot the country-side.

Bacon, who operates an electric equipment business. Said most of the library board members are society members. "We order our books thru the society, thereby getting a savings through its bulk buying," he adds. The society also provides a suggested book list, followed closely by the library.

Housed in a large, trim, colonial-style building nestled amongst restaurants, motels and gift shops, the library serves a dual purpose. Area chapters like to hold

meetings there. "It does away with the false notion that society meetings are secret," says Bacon.

Besides Marion, nearby chapters include ones in New Bedford, Dartmouth, Falmouth and Acushnet.

The selection ranges from books by conservative economists to a series of American history books for children with pop-up figures. "We've had quite a call by area policemen for 'The Communist Attack on U.S. Police,'" says Joseph W. Wright, one of the board members.

The library is manned by volunteers so there's no pay-roll to meet. "We manage to do a little better than break even," says Bacon. He admits that on some days there are no callers. Tops for a single day is about 15 visitors, he says.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

**5 BOSTON GLOBE**  
**Boston, Mass.**

Date: 8/14/67  
Edition: Evening  
Author:  
Editor: Thomas Wanship  
Title: MISC. - BIRCHERS JOG  
CAPE DRIVERS

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100- "CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO WARN OF  
COMMUNIST IMPORTS"

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1 - SAN DIEGO (SAN DIEGO PATRIOTIC-  
(SOCIETY) REG. MAIL

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The following printed material was available to members of Unit 3, UKA, Maryland:

Pamphlet entitled, San Diego Patriotic Society, San Diego, California, containing reprint of article by FRANK A. CAPELL, Editor, The Herald of Freedom and the article is entitled, The Honorable DEAN RUSK;

Pamphlet captioned, The Ugly Truth About Martin Luther King by SAM CROCKETT and bearing the address of the United Klans of America, Inc., Tuscaloosa, Alabama;

Pamphlet entitled, New York Communist Terror in the Streets, by ALAN STANG, which contained reprints of articles by ALAN STANG;

Two flyers entitled, The Bullet that Killed Your Son and Why Do Communist Imports Flood American Markets While our Boys Die, from the Citizens Committee to Warn of Communist Imports, P. O. Box 3263, Catonsville, Maryland;

Intelligence report on the American Civil Liberties Union, published by the Educational Department, UKA, Inc., Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

[redacted] remarked that [redacted] and [redacted] may have been members of the Fighting American Nationalists as both knew [redacted] well and [redacted] quit the klan because members were talking against [redacted]

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[redacted] and [redacted] are scheduled to go to the National Klonvocation to be held 9/2-3/67 and will travel in [redacted] 1961 light blue Dodge. [redacted] is also to attend and will fly. [redacted] will travel to the Klonvocation by train.

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[redacted] and [redacted], members of the Security Guard, were in uniform at the state-wide meeting of the UKA on 8/27/67.

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[redacted] is the member who volunteered at  
the state-wide meeting and who had been given Exit 32,  
however, [redacted] backed out because he had no transportation  
and someone else was supposed to take over his assignment.

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[redacted] was heard to say that [redacted]  
has remarked in the past that [redacted] has plenty of burlap for  
crosses.

[redacted] is a member of the Security Guard  
for Unit No. 3.

[redacted]

TO : SAC CHICAGO (105-11643)  
 FROM : SA [redacted] *SA*  
 SUBJECT: PATRIOTIC PARTY  
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- 1 - Indianapolis (Info) (RM)  
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September 10, 1967

Report on Patriotic Party Activity

The meeting, about 50 people, opened with a prayer led by [REDACTED] followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. [REDACTED] talked for perhaps an hour on how to get the Party on the ballot, etc.

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[REDACTED] was heard to say that she is going to be eased out of any position where she can get her hands on money. She is costing the Party too much money.

[REDACTED] did not have anything to say other than the Party has to get some money in the coffers. The so-called surprise speaker was only the Regional Chairman for Indiana. His name is [REDACTED]. The meeting was pretty sloppy and nothing worthwhile came from it.

\* At the dinner, a tape from [REDACTED] was played. On it he said that four men in the right wing were to be killed by communists. They are ROCKWELL, [REDACTED] WALLACE, and SHELTON. He said that this information comes from a high agent in Washington. He said that when he is killed, agents of the Minutemen have the names and are observing 25 top communists in this country. Each and every one of them will be destroyed promptly. He has withdrawn his support from [REDACTED] and has just about lost faith in GEORGE WALLACE. People at the dinner were about 45 in number. People from the ANP:

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TO: SAC, SPRINGFIELD  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-Mew) (P)

MEETING OF UNNAMED GROUP IN  
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, 10/8/67,  
FOR PURPOSE OF GETTING GEORGE C.  
WALLACE ON STATE BALLOT  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 10/10/67, [redacted] reliable, who has knowledge of the activities of the local unit of the National Socialist White Peoples Party (NSWPP) turned in a written report concerning a meeting he attended on 10/8/67 at The Banada Inn in Springfield, Illinois. Source advised he had been asked to accompany [redacted] active in most right-wing affairs in Chicago area, and also the NSWPP, to this meeting.

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Source stated the meeting, started at 12:30, 10/8/67 and broke up about 6:00 in the evening. He advised the meeting was for the purpose of establishing an executive council and filling other political officers of a party (not yet named) in the State of Illinois for the purpose of getting former Governor GEORGE C. WALLACE of Alabama on the state ballot.

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Source stated the meeting was apparently organized by (FBI) [ ] (ph), the featured speaker who has been organizing for WALLACE around the country. Other speakers were [ ] (ph). Source advised no more than 80 people attended and twenty eight counties in Illinois were reportedly represented. After selection, an executive council met to discuss further procedures.

Source stated he recognized persons in attendance who have also been active in the Patriotic Party, [ ] b6  
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[ ] Source also reported that persons from the National States Rights Party, and the John Birch Society were reportedly also present. Source had no further details.

Springfield, through sources, attempt to identify sponsoring organization so consideration may be given to possible dissemination of this information. Expedite handling would be appreciated.

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TALBOT T. TWEEDY

HAROLD GOREN

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

1 Herald Traveller  
Boston, Mass.

# Taunton Bircher 'TRAIN' Derailed

By TIM TAYLOR

The John Birch Society's "TRAIN" — a nationwide front organization "To Restore American Independence Now" — has been derailed in Taunton.

And the crash and cries of anguish from Birchers and non-Birchers alike in that community has already been heard in Belmont.

The furor over TRAIN has been building up in Taunton for several days, ever since a mass mailing identified a list of prominent citizens as "sponsors" of the "Taunton Area TRAIN Committee."

Among the sponsors of the Birch front, as listed on the TRAIN letterhead, are Dr. Harold Goren, a member of the Taunton School Committee up for re-election Tuesday; Talbot T. Tweedy, president of the Taunton Bar Assn., Samuel Walkden, assistant treasurer of Taunton's First-Machinist National Bank, and Thomas F. Walsh, news editor of WRLM, an FM station that carries a weekly John Birch Society radio program.

These "sponsors," like others in the nearly two-dozen name list, claim they were unaware the Birch Society was directly behind

Date: 11/5/67  
Edition: Sunday  
Author: Tim Taylor  
Editor: John Herbert  
Title: Taunton Bircher  
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TRAIN. But like almost all of the "sponsors" contacted, they agreed with TRAIN's "Win the war" proposals, and regarded the members of the TRAIN committee as outstanding members of the community.

The Taunton TRAIN committee—headquartered in the nearby town of Rehoboth—has been the most active of several TRAIN committees known to be operating in the Bay State.

Similar fronts, collecting signatures on petitions urging Congress to end trade with Communist nations and "allow American forces to WIN in Vietnam" are busy in Chestnut Hill, Lexington and Lincoln.

But the apparently reckless enthusiasm of the Taunton Birchers—in which they violated at least one Belmont-set ground rule—has jeopardized the whole project and made the society and the TRAIN committee the target of some bitter criticism.

Headed by Edward F. McBride of Rehoboth the five-member TRAIN committee sought out Taunton sponsors. They succeeding in collecting the names of 23 prominent Tauntonians, many of them pillars of the community.

Their big error came when they mass-mailed nearly 1,000 letters and petitions. Many went to people unsympathetic to the Birch Society. Several of the letters were brought to the attention of the local newspaper, The Taunton Daily Gazette.

Without mentioning the names of the "sponsors," the Gazette ran a news story indicating that the TRAIN project was "Birch-flavored" and that some of the "sponsors" were unaware of that fact when they signed.

TRAIN is more than just "Birch flavored," according to a southeastern Massachusetts man who recently defected from the society's headquarters staff.

"It's a typical Birch front effort to gather together prominent people supporting one phase of the Birch program. Later, these non-members may be brought into the society itself.

It is hard to believe than anyone who consented to being a 'sponsor' was unaware of the Birch association of TRAIN. After all, these petitions were brought around by prominent and well known Birchers. Surely anyone approached and asked to consent to being a 'sponsor' must have—or certainly should have—asked if it was a Birch project," the former Bircher said.

Gordon Hall, Boston's student of extremist movements of both the left and right, described TRAIN as "a typical Birch sucker trap."

"Who said America ever lost its independence?" Hall asked. "It's a silly notion."

"The Taunton committee is about the only one that has really gotten off the ground. But the Taunton controversy ought to alert towns all over the commonwealth that it is not only the Communists who establish high-sounding 'fronts' but the Birch Society as well.

**"AND ISN'T IT IRONIC** that the Birch Society, which proposes to be so patriotic, is employing the front technique perfected by the Communist Party?" Hall commented.

Wallace "Chip" Wood of the John Birch Society's Belmont home office is the first to admit and take credit for the Birch-TRAIN relationship.

Wood describes himself as the head of the "ad hoc committee program for the society." Another prominent "ad hoc" operation is the Support Your Local Police program.

"The fact that this is a Birch Society project should be well known to anyone who reads our literature," he said. "And as a matter of fact, it is a matter of firm policy to tell our sponsors of this association.

"We say to them 'You'd better understand that the John Birch Society got this started,'" he said. "We make this a strong point.

"The Taunton 'sponsors' should have understood this. If they knew this and agreed to serve as sponsors—and are now backing out—I wouldn't call them patriots at all."

Wood said the society does not want its TRAIN committees to do any mass mailing. Instead, he said, it recommends that petitions be brought personally to friends and neighbors.

Had the Taunton TRAIN committee followed his advice, its signature collecting drive might never have been bounced off the track.

Taunton TRAIN chairman McBride, a Bircher, a member of the Catholic Traditionalist Movement and a close friend of Leo F. Kahian of Middleboro, the area's high priest of Birchism; said he had "no comment" on the exploding situation.

**BUT MRS. BARBARA WEST-COAT** of Taunton, secretary-treasurer of the committee, did.

"TRAIN is not a front organization," she said. "The people who agreed to be sponsors knew it was a John Birch Society sponsored project. It was made very plain to them."

Chief seeker-outer of "sponsors" was dairy operator William R. Doel, TRAIN member-chairman. Various sponsors say he both made it plain and didn't make it plain that TRAIN was a Birch connected operation.

School committeeman Goren, a Republican and one of Congresswoman's Margaret Heckler's key area workers, said he finally agreed to being a sponsor after Doel had approached him on three different occasions.

I am not a member of the Birch Society; I don't want any-

thing to do with it; I don't want him (Doel) to come near my door again," Goren said.

The optometrist said he believed the society considered him a "good catch" since he is Jewish. "But the society has hurt itself as far as I'm concerned now," he said, worried at the possible effect his new found fame might have at the polls on Tuesday.

Like others, Goren said he was impressed when shown the names of other prominent sponsors, and sympathetic to such TRAIN aims as ending the Vietnam War and bringing home American boys.

Banker San Walkden described himself as "a little bit disturbed" at the situation.

**"I'M NOT A MEMBER** of the Birch Society. I was never approached to be a sponsor. I'm not interested in what they're for or against. But people who have been getting this letter have been coming into the bank all day asking 'What's the scoop? We didn't know you were a Bircher.'

Attorney Tweedy, a former Republican member of the House of Representatives, described "Bill Doel" and his fellow committee members as "a very sincere, honest but politically naive group."

Tweedy said he wasn't told he had become a sponsor of a Birch front until after he had signed on as a sponsor.

"Bill Doel is running this John Birch thing. He's trying to save the country. It's a lot of baloney but I found nothing objectionable with it so I signed."

"I think the U.S. should stop trading with the enemy," he said.

J. Douglas Robertson, a prominent industrialist, said he didn't know anything about the John Birch Society but "I'm against the Americans selling stuff to the Russians.

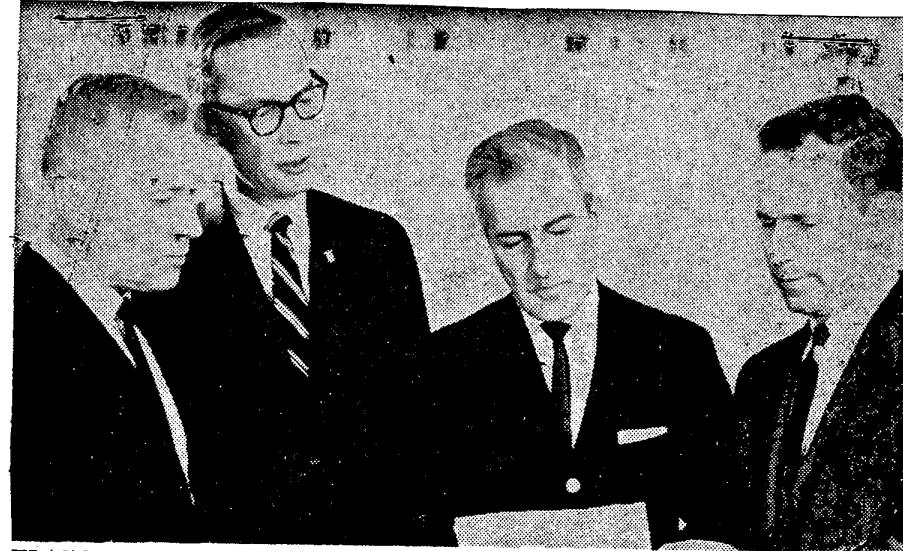
"I'd stand up on the Common and say I signed it and that I'm a sponsor," he said, before abruptly hanging up his phone.

Dr. Malcolm C. Robbins, a dentist and manufacturer, said he was not a Bircher but agreed with the TRAIN proposals. He said he was never told TRAIN was a Birch Society project.

William R. Powers, operator of an auto dealership, said he too was not a member of the Society but agreed with TRAIN's aims.

"YOU'D HAVE TO BE VERY NAIVE not to know about the Birch relationship," he said. "But I don't mind my name being used as a sponsor. This ending of trade with the Communist nations isn't just a patriotic thing, it's a necessary thing for the well being of our country and our soldiers."

Francis L. Frazier, a main Catholic layman in the com-



**TRAIN CREW**—Three members of the John Birch Society-sponsored front organization TRAIN, chairman Edward F. McBride, left, publicity director John D. Robertson Jr., second from left, and membership chairman William R. Doel, at right, go over Taunton Area TRAIN petition with sponsor Francis L. Frazier. Frazier said he probably would not have signed the petition had he known of its Birch background.

munity described Doel as "a pretty wonderful person who wouldn't get his friends into anything that wasn't right. I want to see the war ended and generally support the TRAIN petition."

Frazier said he "probably would not have signed it" if he had known TRAIN was a Birch front.

But auto dealer Lawrence Rose said he "didn't sign" any sponsor agreement, didn't want any part of TRAIN, and felt his name was being "misrepresented."

"I am going to speak to my attorney," he said.

Other Tauntonians listed on the TRAIN letterhead include:

Robert M. Barbour, Munro Bloom, David B. and David R. Dean, Joseph F. Mozzone, Rev. A.D.C. McIlroy, Charles Morey, Robert H. Park, Charles A. Peirce, Raymond H. Plourde, Douglas P. Rankin, George B. Sanford, John C. Shaw and Donald P. Tremblay.

Other members of the five-member TRAIN committee included William A. Redmond, program chairman; and John D. Robertson Jr., publicity-chairman.

To quote one Taunton old-timer on the TRAIN controversy:

"This is the biggest stink this town's seen since the herring got stranded ashore along the Taunton River last year."



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Chicago, Illinois  
November 13, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 434-36571

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

On November 3, 1967, a source, contact with whom has been insufficient to evaluate reliability but who advised he was in attendance at the meeting reported on hereinafter, initiated contact with the Chicago Office of the FBI and advised as follows:

On the evening of November 7, 1967, a meeting of the 55th Division, Transportation Company, U.S. Army Reserve was held at the Armory located at Bryn Mawr and Kedzie Avenue in Chicago. Source advised the meeting was supposed to have related to instruction on riot control, however, film strips put out by the John Birch Society were shown instead. Source advised that the films were apparently brought to the meeting by three unknown individuals, one Negro from the North Star United Missionary Workers of America (NSUMWA), and two male whites, the latter two admitted members of the John Birch Society. Source advised the Company Commander was one Lt. [redacted] and the First Sergeant one (First Name Unknown) [redacted] (phonetic). Source also advised that following the meeting, the Master Sergeant present stated that a tape recording of the meeting had been confiscated.

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Source further related that the motives expressed by the Negro male present seemed to relate to an allegation that the money spent to help the Negro was being misused and wasted.

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Officer [redacted] Asian Relations Unit, Chicago Police Department, has advised that the NSUMWA is [redacted]

[redacted] The NSUMWA is a civic organization comprised of approximately 50 west side Negro church organizations.

Chicago news media in [redacted] when, during a press conference, he described Martin Luther King as an outsider who did not know the problems of Chicago and suggested King get out of Chicago.

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[redacted] has also been highly critical of Stokley Carmichael or the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee whom he described as preaching hate and violence. [redacted] urged that United States Government officials arrest Carmichael and charge him with sedition. [redacted] of recent time, has urged a Federal investigation into alleged misuse of Federal poverty funds in the Lawndale area of Chicago's west side.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-36671) (C)  
SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau is the original and 4 copies of an LHM relating to captioned organization. 1 copy of LHM is being enclosed for Boston.

In view of Bureau policy of not investigating captioned organization, Chicago will hold in abeyance dissemination to Region I, 113th MI Group, until 11/17/67 so that copies of instant LHM will be in Bureau's possession should inquiry be made by military intelligence at the Washington level. UACB, a copy of instant LHM will be furnished Region I, 113th MI Group on 11/17/67.

Source utilized in enclosed LHM is [redacted]  
[redacted] who requested [redacted]  
be kept confidential. [redacted] telephonically contacted the  
Chicago Office and furnished reported information.

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Attached is a copy of a memo of SA \_\_\_\_\_  
dated and captioned as above.

SAC M. W. JOHNSON 

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Office CHICAGO

TO: SAC, CHICAGO (157-3)  
FROM: SA [redacted]  
SUBJECT: NATIONAL SOCIALIST WHITE PEOPLES PARTY  
RM - ORGANIZATION

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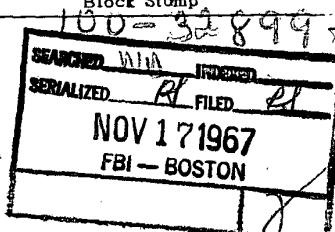
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Brief description of activity or material  Activity at George Wallace Planning Meeting  at Springfield	File where original is located if not attached [redacted]

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ADDENDUM:

Springfield Office advised 11/9/67 that following information was developed through [redacted]

[redacted] (protect - both [redacted] have furnished reliable information in the past):

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Arrangements for meeting held on 10/8/67 at the Ramada Inn in Springfield were made by [redacted] Illinois. [redacted] indicated to Ramada Inn management he wanted no news releases and no notoriety connected with their meeting. He indicated it was an organizational meeting to form a Wallace for President group. The principal speaker at the meeting was [redacted] who

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[redacted] represented the Wallace for President headquarters. [redacted] suggested the group call itself the Independent American Party or American Independent Party. [redacted] emphasized that this was only a suggestion and that the group should decide on whatever name they wished.

October 8, 1967

Report on Wallace Meeting

At six o'clock this morning [redacted] met [redacted] [redacted] in front of the ANP Headquarters. They drove to Springfield, Illinois, where they attended a meeting in the Ramada Inn. This meeting was for the purpose of establishing an Executive Council and filling other political offices of a party (not yet named) in the State of Illinois for the purpose of getting GEORGE C. WALLACE on the State Ballot.

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A man by the name of [redacted] (not positive as to the spelling of names) was the featured speaker. Other speakers were [redacted] and [redacted]. [redacted] This reporter estimates no more than eighty people at the meeting. 28 counties were represented. From this number people from 22 counties were selected to the Executive Council. People present who this reporter recognized were: [redacted]

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[redacted] It was found that members of the Ku Klux Klan, NSRP, and the John Birch Society were present. Names were taken of all who attended. The meeting started at 12:30 in the afternoon and broke up at 6:00 in the evening.

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American Opinion, Belmont, Mass.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, BOSTON

DATE: February 27, 1968

FROM *PCY* SAC, OMAHA (62-0)

SUBJECT: *O S.A.*  
AMERICAN OPINION  
Belmont, Massachusetts  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

W Enclosed is a post card bearing what is alleged to be a photograph of MARTIN LUTHER KING attending a "training school for communists," which is being offered for sale by captioned organization. This card was received unsolicited by

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The above is for your information.

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March 11, 1968

Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of March 6th and appreciate the concern which prompted you to contact me.

In response to your inquiry, I am unable to make any statement regarding the remarks you quoted since I do not, as a matter of policy, comment on material prepared by persons other than personnel of this Bureau.

Insofar as your comment with respect to putting "Locricchio and Murder Inc out of business promptly" is concerned, I would like to point out the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not determine whether prosecution will be instituted in any situation. Such decisions concerning violations of Federal law are within the province of the Attorney General.

You may be assured, however, that we in the FBI are aware of our responsibilities and that any information obtained which might indicate a violation of law over which this Bureau has investigative jurisdiction will be furnished to the United States Department of Justice for prosecutive consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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March 6, 1968 [redacted]

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chief  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Accustomed as I am to the audacity of the criminal element in our nation today, I was nonetheless appalled to read the following in the February 1968 bulletin of the John Birch Society, (p 17), Belmont, Mass (Q2178).

"Quickly, without warning, one white child in each suburb will be shot. And just as quickly as they came, the Negroes will move back to the inner city, hoping that white extremists will follow to seek revenge for the killing of their children. The bigness of next summer's riot will be determined by the extent to which these white extremists carry the fight to the Negro. Nothing's going to change it. It's all been planned in advance." This is part of a speech to a Human Relations Council in a suburb of Detroit, by a "young theologian" named Locricchio who has served as a "race relations adviser" for Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, Governor George W Romney, and Detroit Mayor Jerome P Cavanagh. Mr. Locricchio admitted that there were Communists within the movement he described.....

/This/ item was in the December 6 issue of The Macomb Daily of Mt. Clemens, Michigan....  
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This Locricchio movement is the US version of the Mau Mau.

Is it possible that this individual is walking around freely planning the murder of our children?

Our law officials are not doing their duty if they do not forcibly put Locricchio and Murder Inc out of business promptly.

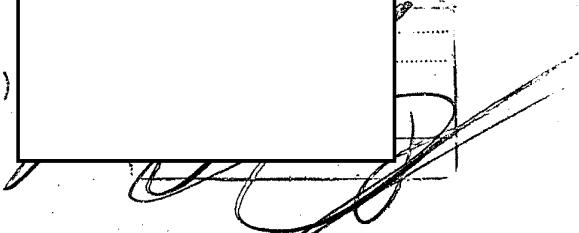
I would appreciate a personal reply from you to this letter. I want to be sure that you get it.

With great appreciation of the service you have rendered your nation and fellow-citizens, I am

Sincerely,

(Mrs)

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SAC, Detroit

3/14/68

Director, FBI

(FNU) LOCRICCHIO  
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Enclosed please find one copy of a citizen's letter dated 3/6/68, Yonkers, New York, and one copy of Bureau letter dated 3/11/68 acknowledging same. You will note that the citizen's communication quotes from a "bulletin" of the John Birch Society. This article is supposedly a reprint of a December issue of "The Macomb Daily" of Mt. Clemens, Michigan.

Detroit should identify the "young theologian" named Locricchio in an attempt to ascertain the source of this information. Following an identification of Locricchio, check established sources and furnish results to the Bureau in form suitable for dissemination. At that time Detroit should recommend as to whether additional investigation is warranted. Handle promptly.

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Re Springfield airtel to Director dated 4/11/68.

The files of the Boston Office contain no references identifiable with [REDACTED] and the American Opinion Speakers Bureau is the speakers Bureau of the John Birch Society, Belmont, Massachusetts.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC JAMES L. HANDLEY

DATE: 6/4/68

FROM : SA [redacted] (80-4-22, 319)

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OGUNQUIT VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION*CCO: pls  
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Birch Society  
P.W.S.*

Re [redacted] letter dated 5/15/68.

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Although writer has no recollection of conversation with [redacted] he did recall she had been mentioned in local news or editorial items.

Check of morgue PORTLAND PRESS HERALD indicates DAVID O. WOODBURY, Harvard, 1918, Leland Stanford and MIT is free-lance writer.

He wrote "ATOMS FOR PEACE" and "AROUND THE WORLD IN 90 MINUTES".

Article on [redacted] in morgue is article defending herself in connection criticism she apparently made of Senator MARGARET CHASE SMITH's voting record on consular treaty.

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While the news articles do not militate against appearance of SAC before [redacted] group, the writer talked with USA [redacted] on 6/4/68.

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[redacted] advised Mr. and [redacted] are avowed John Birchers.

Accordingly, no contact is being made with [redacted] as to [redacted] number of people who would attend.

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John Birch Society  
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# Wallace's Bay State Electors Mostly Birch Society Members

By BILL DICKINSON

Staff Correspondent

The list of presidential electors from Massachusetts pledged to George C. Wallace resembles a miniature who's who of John Birch Society members.

According to Gordon D. Hall, an expert on extremist groups of the left and right, all but a few of the 14 electors are members of the right-wing organization.

The electors names appear on petitions being circulated statewide to place the former Alabama governor's name on the Massachusetts ballot in November. The signatures of 61,236 qualified voters are required.

Hall commented: "The involvement of

Birchers in the Wallace presidential campaign is fairly obvious.

"Laurence Bunker, for example, is a member of the society's national council. John Robertson has been active in the Taunton T.R.A.I.N. (To Restore American Independence Now) Committee, a nationwide front group for the Birch Society.

George Fowler is a familiar figure in the Birch Society and other far-rightist causes, and Dr. Thomas DePilo has Birch literature all over his office.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

1 BOSTON GLOBE  
Boston, Mass.

Date: 6/25/68  
 Edition: Morning  
 Author: Bill Dickinson  
 Editor: Thomas Winship  
 Title: WALLACE'S BAY STATE  
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 BIRCH MEMBERS

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Ruth Wood is the wife of a full-time Birch Society official (Wallis Wood). Harold Collins is Gloucester's most active member. Alton Caswell is active in the Middleboro chapter. Anna Cummings sells literature at society rallies, and the South Boston chapter meets in Laura Davidson's home.

Electors are the original signers of the petitions for candidates. The electors' names appear printed on the petitions, which are then circulated among the public.

There are 14 electors — two at large, and one each from the 12 congressional districts. They also would vote in the Electoral College if Wallace should win.

Of those named, only Anna Cummings flatly denied her membership in the group when asked, said Hall.

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Three others, Fowler, Robertson and Caswell, refused to say whether they are Birchers. Caswell said that he does receive Birch publications regularly, but he refused to confirm or deny his membership in the Society: "I don't think this is a proper question. No comment."

Fowler replied: "I am not going to answer that question."

Robertson, while he confirmed he is a member of the T.R.A.I.N. Committee,

also refused to comment on his membership.

Those who admitted their membership in the Birch Society generally agreed that there is no direct connection between their Birch memberships and their Wallace activities. Rather, they felt that they share a common philosophy with him — what several called "real constitutional conservatism."

They all connected fear of a growing Federal government, states' rights and tough dealing with communists at home and abroad with this "conservatism," said Hall.

Laura Davidson, who admitted she is a member of the Society, said: "I feel that there is no other true conservative running." She added: "It was an honor" to be one of Wallace's electors.

For Harold Collins, who also confirmed his membership in the society, Wallace offers "the only alternative." He described the Republican and Democratic parties as "merely two wings on the same bird."

#### RACISM DENIED

Laurence Bunker, the Society council member on the slate, says there are a large number of Birchers involved in the campaign because "they are the ones who have the clearest idea of what is going on in America today."

He said that Wallace is the only candidate who comes close to their views on government, communism and

the domestic situation. He hastily added "The Society does not officially endorse any candidate, leaving that up to the individual members."

All those questioned denied that either they or Wallace are racists.

Hall offered this explanation of the large percentage of Birchers involved in the Wallace campaign: "No one familiar with the tactics of the John Birch Society should be surprised at their domination of the Wallace-for-President slate in Massachusetts. Any outfit that falsely equates the civil rights movement with communism is bound to be attracted to a political demagogue who mouths similar charges."

When contacted at Wallace's Massachusetts headquarters at 75 State st., Boston, the national campaign coordinator who screened all the electors denied any knowledge that there are Birchers among them.

John P. DeCarlo of Birmingham, Ala., said: "I did not know that they were John Birch Society members. I did know that they did not know that they paid their bills; I did know that they worked for a living; I did know that they were not communists and I did think that they were good Americans. Also, I did know that they were for Governor Wallace."

DeCarlo also said: their membership in the Birch Society "makes no difference."

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

STATE ELECTION NOMINATION PAPER

The undersigned, qualified voters of the Commonwealth and of the electoral districts or divisions for which the nominations are made, in accordance with the provisions of Law, make the following nominations of candidates for State Offices to be voted for in the Commonwealth on the 5th day of November, 1968, viz.:

**INDEPENDENT**

The undersigned voter of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, whose name is printed below, does hereby nominate the persons whose names appear in the following list.

George E. Wallace As A Third Party  
CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT

Office to be filled.	PRINT OR TYPE ALL OF THESE ENTRIES.		I accept the nomination. (written signature)
	Names of Candidates.	Residence (the last place of residence)	
At Large,	LAURENCE E. BUNKER	48 Chestnut Street, Boston, Mass.	/sl Laurence E. Bunker
	JOHN D. ROBERTSON, Jr.	1256 Marlboro Street, Dennis, Mass.	/sl John D. Robertson, Jr.
	GEORGE H. FOWLER	Lake Hill Farm, Billerica, Mass.	/sl George H. Fowler
	JOYCE T. ERIKSEN	First Street, Palmer, Mass.	/sl Joyce T. Erikson
District 1.	HELEN IRENE MILANAZZO	1256 Marlboro Street, Dennis, Mass.	/sl Helen Irene Milanazzo
" 2.	THOMAS P. DEPALE	3 Acorn Street, Weymouth, Mass.	/sl Thomas P. DePala
" 3.	RUTH WOOD	25 Webster Avenue, Newtonville, Mass.	/sl Ruth Wood
" 4.	HAROLD R. COLLINS	7 Wall Street, Old Town, Mass.	/sl Harold R. Collins
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" 6.	GEORGE MAGGEORGES	25 Peacock Avenue, Somerville, Mass.	/sl George Maggeorges
" 7.	LAURA JEAN DAVIDSON	420 East Street Street, South Boston, Mass.	/sl Laura Jean Davidson
" 8.	ALICE F. CASWELL	227 Avery Street, Medford, Mass.	/sl Alice F. Caswell
" 9.	JEAN MURPHY	1256 Marlboro Street, Dennis, Mass.	/sl Jean Murphy
" 10.	RONALD JAMES HOGG	88 Pleasant Place, Dedham, Mass.	/sl Ronald James Hogg
" 11.			
" 12.			

We certify that we have not subscribed to more nominations of candidates for this office than there are persons to be elected thereto.

TITLE	SIGNATURES.	RESIDENCE ON JANUARY 1, 1968 or Residence of Registered Agent or Nominee.		W.D. Pet.	NOW LIVING AT	W.D. Pet.
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	To be made by person with whom registered.					

ELECTORAL COLLEGE CANDIDATES ON WALLACE SLATE

As United States leaders continue their efforts to appease Communists, Pueblo crew member Lee R. Hayes recalls his imprisonment and torture by Communists in North Korea. In hopes that Americans will recognize the threats this country faces, he invites his countrymen to

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No man wins when freedom fails.  
The best men rot in filthy jails,  
And those who cry "Appease! Appease!"  
Are hanged by those they tried to please.

*Indeed*



For Lee R. Hayes, the year 1968 could have been just a horrible memory. During eleven months of that year, he and his fellow crew members of the U.S.S. *Pueblo* suffered privation, beatings, and mental anguish at the hands of the Communists in North Korea. But Lee Hayes doesn't consider 1968 a loss, for it taught him the blessings of living in freedom.

He describes himself as a former average American who didn't appreciate his marvelous heritage until he temporarily lost it. Now, he wants all Americans to remember that the price of liberty is eternal vigilance. Much of this vigilance, he insists, must be directed at our leaders here at home.

Lee Hayes is convinced that the steady decline of America's world position is the result of a deliberate plan — a conspiracy by men who pretend to oppose Communism but whose policies and programs give "aid and comfort" to our enemies. He has dedicated his life "to a campaign to bring this truth to the attention of millions of good Americans."

Lee Hayes believes "my year of captivity will have been worth every minute, if I can help restore Americanism in America, for then, there would be no more *Pueblos*, no more 'no-win' wars, no more betrayal of our friends." Lee Hayes wants to talk to you, Mr. and Mrs. America. Won't you take time to listen?

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We believe that collectivism in any form, and especially Communism, its most terrible form, are always and inevitably destructive of freedom and liberty.

We oppose the surrender of American sovereignty to any supra-national agency, alliance, or association, as contrary to our purpose of preserving the freedoms guaranteed by our Constitution.

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2. To oppose the surrender of American sovereignty to any supranational agency, alliance, or association.
3. To defend and extend our legacy of liberty, so that it may serve as an inspiration for freedom-loving people everywhere.

If you would like to learn more about these vital issues, and our positive program for accomplishing these goals, please contact us. We hope you will join with us in this massive undertaking!

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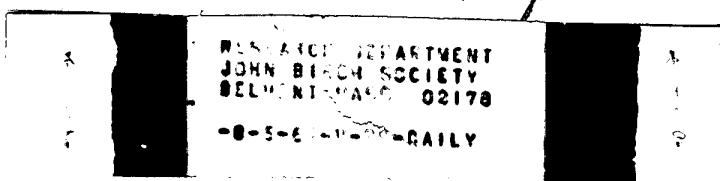
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FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT:



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On 1/13/69, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the current mailing list of the "Daily World". The "Daily World" is an East coast Communist newspaper.

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The name and address of the individual shown above was on this list. The Bureau by a letter to all offices dated 3/24/60, entitled "Security Investigations of Individuals", instructed each office to search the names of the subscribers through its indices and determine, in the light of the added significance of the subscriptions, if additional investigation is warranted on those individuals whose names are not included in the Security Index. Each office should consider opening dead files when warranted on basis of subversive references found.

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## Federal Police Force Foreseen

The great cities of America face a choice of curbing a rapidly rising crime rate or forcing the establishment of a Federal police force.

This was the warning sounded yesterday in what amounted to a sneak preview of the seventh annual New England God, Family and Country Rally opening today in Boston.

Political conservatives from all over the nation will observe the Fourth of July at a weekend convention at the Statler-Hilton.

The opening program will include three law enforcement presentations by a seminar panel headed by Gordon Browning of the Los Angeles police.

Browning said yesterday

the national crime rate is increasing nine times faster than the population of the U.S. and is expected to rise by about 14 percent again this year.

He said civil disobedience is probably the nation's biggest problem and predicted that "eventually we will be faced with an armed revolt if things continue as they are now."

Browning said that, if local government cannot or will not move to cope with the danger, the Federal government will be forced to do the job.

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# Radical Right Rallies: Expert's View

**Gordon D. Hall, nationally prominent expert on political extremism, both Left and Right, is attending the seventh annual God, Family and Country Rally in Boston on special assignment for The Globe.**

By GORDON D. HALL

It's the far Right's turn to train their big guns on the Establishment. Beginning this morning and running through Sunday, participants in the annual "Rally for God, Family and Country" will raise the cry of "Communist betrayal" in high places with a ferocity equal to that of the student radical's cry of "capitalist" betrayal.

Under the watchful eye of the rally's actual sponsors, a small group of John Birch Society officials, an estimated 2000 people will gather on the mezzanine floor of the Statler-Hilton for daily rounds of seminars, speeches, and "patriotic" exhibits.

Laurence E. Bunker of Wellesley, a member of the National Council of the John Birch Society, is the chair-

man of the July 4th weekend event.

For the next four days the Statler's mezzanine corridors will resemble at times, a midway at a Summer carnival. More than 60 exhibitors will compete for the attention of a continuous stream of visitors. The significance of such activity is not lost on the rally's sponsors. They recognize the exhibits as the major drawing card.

The exhibits are tightly controlled by John McKinney, operator of a John Birch Society bookstore in Dedham, and the son of Mrs. Anna McKinney, the rally's executive secretary. Mrs. McKinney is also a Dedham Chapter Leader of the John Birch Society.

Exhibitors are given VIP treatment. Though their numbers increase each year, the floor space, normally as scarce as an accurate footnote in the rally's literature, continues to be rent-free, and there is no requirement to share proceeds from the sales of literature and artifacts. Exhibits open daily at 9 a.m. and close at 10 p.m. There is usually little left to pack on closing night.

The sponsors in turn, do not share gate receipts with the exhibitors. A single day's admission to the rally is \$3 per person. Daily identification tags are different in

color to cut down gate crashing. A four-day badge costs \$10.

At previous rallies most wore the special four-day badge.

The sponsors realize additional income from the dozen exhibits they control. The T.R.A.I.N. (To Restore American Independence Now) T.A.C.T. (Truth About Civil Turmoil) and other exhibits are in reality, front organizations created and operated by the John Birch Society.

A number of exhibitors wear more than one hat. Edwin A. Walker for example, directs the Friends of General Walker and the American Eagle Publishing Company, both of Dallas. A former Army major general, Walker was relieved of his command in 1961 for attempting to indoctrinate his troops with John Birch Society philosophy.

The wisdom of that move becomes increasingly evident upon study of the literature distributed by Walker at the rallies. Here is a current sample:

"Present day preparedness and security, at home and abroad, by our armed forces and our police, are suffering from the same Eisenhower-Rockefeller Republican disease, summyry, proliferation, Earl Warren and Eisenhower's complete monopoly

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of military advice, to include the Bay of Pigs fiasco, the Vietnam war, its escalation, and the Pueblo — all the Eisenhower folly — from the day he stood on Lenin's tomb as the Soviet Allied Commander releasing all spoils to the Soviet."

Nord Davis Jr. of Hollis, N.H. is another doing double duty this weekend. A rising star in the extreme right-wing firmament, Davis will represent the West Coast Liberty Amendment Committee (seeks repeal of the 16th Amendment which allows the income tax at one exhibit, and his "Pardon Me, But" newsletter at another.

Davis will be offering copies of "The Brothers K," a cruelly distorted "study" of the assassination of the Kennedy brothers which begins: "With the possible exception of the Brothers Walter and Victor Reuther, or the Brothers Milton and Dwight Eisenhower, it would be hard to find any two brothers prominent in public life who have been more helpful to the Communist cause than the Brothers Kennedy."

The materials of the 60 odd exhibits this year splendidly illustrate what former California Sen. Thomas Kuchel has so aptly called "fright literature."

One is tempted to ask both the sponsors and participants in this year's rally for "God, Family and Country" just where they have buried the commandment admonishing those who bear false witness against one's neighbor.

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE  
LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK  
EARLY AUGUST, 1969  
RACIAL MATTERS

On 8/7/69, Detective Sergeant [redacted] Suffolk County Police Department (SCPD), Hauppauge New York, furnished a copy of a letter dated 7/25/69, addressed to "Dear [redacted]" This letter was furnished to a member of the SCPD. The addressee is Negro and the writer's name not clear. is white according to Sergeant [redacted]

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The letter quotes from a letter sent [redacted] of the writer, the latter in [redacted] to the writer a [redacted] not named. The letter refers to a "rally for God, family and country in Boston of two conservative Christian patriots". The rally was attended by some of the "greatest ministers" and states that "the lid just may be blown off early in September". The letter goes on to state that "big trouble" is expected on Long Island during the early part of August. "supposed to be the ninth" and continues "it will be blacks against whites and no holds barred".

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[redacted] The writer states this information was given to [redacted] by a former Army General (resigned) whose name could not be mentioned because he is in trouble with the government and the government has done everything humanly possible to silence him. It was indicated that a

[redacted] was at the rally and further indicates that [redacted] is very active trying to get back to Constitutional government and further that he has refused to pay his income tax.

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Boston is requested to identify sponsor of rally sometime prior to 7/25/69, and furnish any information pertinent to possible disturbances on Long Island. Submit airtel so that information can be furnished to SCPD.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-5-34)

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-32899)

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE  
LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK  
EARLY AUGUST, 1969  
RACIAL MATTERS

Re New York airtel dated 8-7-69.

The "rally for God, family and country in Boston of two conservative Christian patriots" set forth in referenced airtel evidently refers to the annual "Rally for God, Family and Country in Boston" held for four days beginning on 7-3-69.

[redacted] Source of Information (Conceal),  
[redacted] regarding the affair.

[redacted] also attended the full four days of the conference.

[redacted] stated that [redacted]  
[redacted] is an advocate of the extreme right and he  
is capable of giving out any type of distorted story.

[redacted] also stated that the former General is in all probability EDWIN A. WALKER, retired from the U. S. Army. He stated that WALKER seems to be "way out" in his statements.

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[redacted] also stated that during the four days of conference he did not hear anything regarding activity on Long Island or any reference of blacks against whites on Long Island.

[redacted] stated that the rally was an annual affair sponsored by the John Birch Society.

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# THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

INCORPORATED

Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

December 1, 1969

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As an educational organization striving to expose the subversive forces threatening the security of our nation and our constitution, The John Birch Society is engaged in a mail-out program in which we seek to alert our fellow Americans to these dangers. Your 1970 Appropriations Report issued July 17, 1969 has an excellent section describing the most active of these elements causing problems in our country.

I understand that you have printed an excerpt from this report covering organizations such as the S.D.S., the Black Panther Party, RAMS, etc. Would you be able to send me a quantity of these for distribution to all the elected officials of our city, county and state. I would be glad to pay any costs involved. If available, we could use up to 15,000 for distribution in the Rocky Mountain States.

If you are not able to fill my request, would you send me one or two copies of the excerpt and authorization to reprint them locally. Specifically, I am interested in pages 51 to 75 inclusive, and pages 98, 99, 100 and 101 of the 1970 Appropriations Report.

We are ever grateful for all you are doing in law enforcement and internal security of the United States. May your efforts continue to be blessed, and best wishes for the holiday season.

Respectfully,

Coordinator

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Coordinator  
The John Birch Society, Inc.  
Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

Dear [redacted]

Mr. Hoover received your letter of December 1st and asked me to thank you for your kind remarks and Holiday Greetings.

In reply to your inquiry, there are enclosed two copies of excerpts from Mr. Hoover's testimony on April 17, 1969, regarding Communist, Racial and Extremist Groups. For budgetary reasons reprints are not available in the quantity you requested and since this testimony is a matter of public record permission is not required to reproduce it.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy  
Secretary

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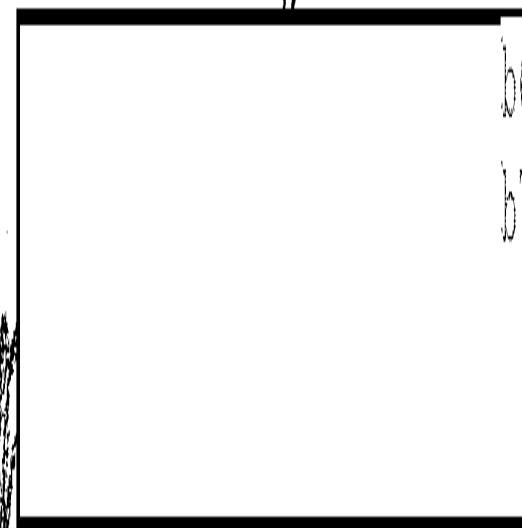
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Carl S. T.

July 22, 1970

Dear [redacted]

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My wife and I are starting a film forum in our home next Wednesday night the 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M here in Hull. Most of the people that have seen them are very impressed and find them informative. I think the following titles will tell you a little about the nature of the films. (40 min each)

July 29<sup>th</sup> ① The Practical Communist  
② Fifty Years of Managed News

Aug 5<sup>th</sup> ③ The U.N.-Peace Done Unmasked  
④ The Supreme Court-Rule by Oligarchy

Aug 12<sup>th</sup> ⑤ To be announced.

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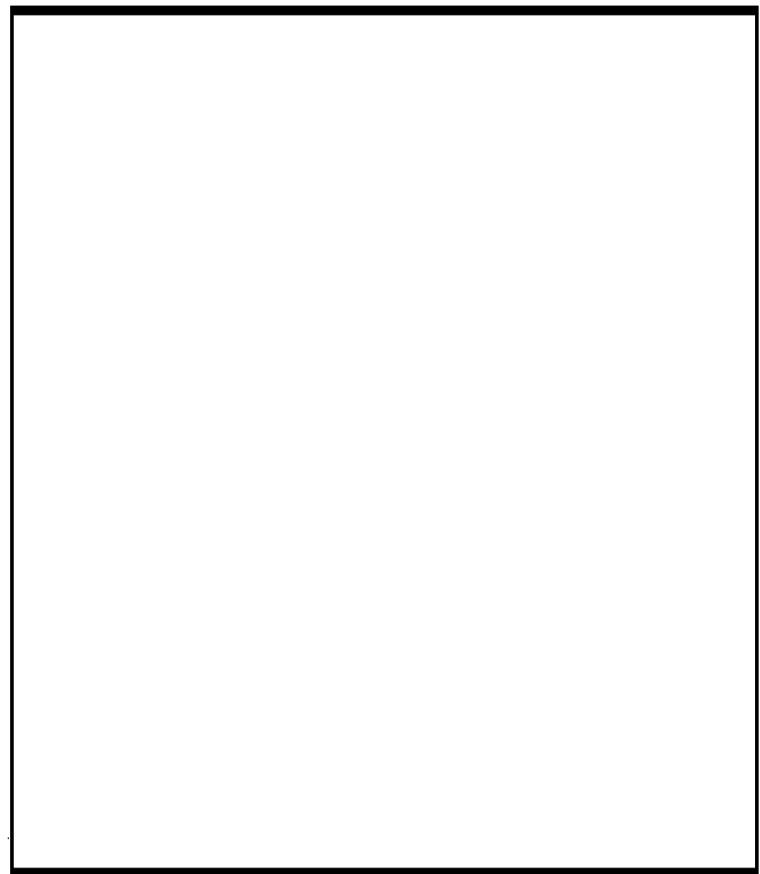
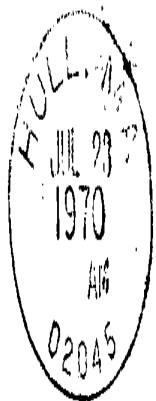
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Thank you.

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John F. Kennedy Federal Office Building  
Boston, Massachusetts 02203

August 7, 1970



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Dear [redacted]

Your note of August 1, 1970 and enclosure have  
been received.

The interest which prompted your communication  
to this Bureau is indeed appreciated.

Very truly yours,

JAMES L. HANDLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, Boston

DATE: AUG 13 1970

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT:

RESEARCH DEPARTMENT  
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
BELMONT MASS 02178

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On 6/26,27/70, [redacted] (protect by T symbol), who b7D has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the current mailing list of the "Daily World". The "Daily World" is an east coast communist newspaper.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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 Massachusetts,

Gentlemen:

Please inform us as to whether or not  
 the John Birch Society is listed in the Federal  
 Bureau of Investigation files as a Subversive  
 or Unamerican organization

Very Truly Yours

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*U.S.A.*

John F. Kennedy Federal Office Building  
Boston, Massachusetts 02203

October 16, 1970

Dear [redacted]

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This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 2, 1970 concerning the John Birth Society.

The function of the FBI as a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. However, you may obtain a list of organizations designated under Executive Order 10450 by directing a request to the Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., attention of Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division.

Your interest in communicating with this Bureau is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

JAMES L. HANDLEY  
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American Volunteer Groups [redacted]

[redacted] In it he told [redacted] many things too numerous to list here, much of it of great importance concerning the AVG, its new affiliate, the National Justice Foundation of America and the Patriotic Action Legion. Many other things were discussed including the fact that [redacted] is a member of the governing committee of the National Justice Foundation. Due to the [redacted] and variety of information the [redacted] *See PAGE A2*

[redacted] which contained Training Phase #2 of the AVG. It requires members to become expert with a pistol of .32 caliber or larger. Phase #2 also requires a book report on one of several books listed (see enclosed report). This report must contain not less than 1,200 words. Phase #2 also requires a complete background report on a local leftist or communist. The packet also contained a brochure and application blank on the National Justice Foundation plus a photocopy of a news article on the NJF. [redacted]  
[redacted] to join the NJF. (packet enclosed).

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A new Right Wing organization has appeared on the scene. It is called the United Anti-Communist League of America. It puts out a petition to Congress calling for punishment of all of the Left Wing groups which are listed on the petition. The address is listed as P.O. Box 257, Englewood, Colorado 80110. This could be a new movement by [redacted] Soldiers of the Cross. It might also be [redacted] an old America Firster and [redacted] (copy of petition enclosed).

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[redacted] heard from one of the leaders of the "New" Minutemen. It was the man who had called himself [redacted] in a previous [redacted]. In this one he calls himself [redacted] and lists his mailing address as [redacted]. He states that this box is a "secure" one. He states that the group is coming out the first "On Target" of the new group and that it will be 20 pages both sides. He wants to know how many [redacted] can [redacted] distribute. He also asked for a copy of [redacted]  
[redacted]

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The John Birch Society is getting pretty desperate. It is sending out letters and application blanks for renewal of membership to people who quit the JBS several years ago. (letter & app. enclosed).



Highlights from [redacted] that  
is mentioned on Page 1.

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[redacted] said that he liked [redacted] suggestion that they send [redacted]

[redacted] [redacted] He said that he felt that [redacted] was very valuable to the movement and that [redacted] could contribute a lot to the movement. He said that [redacted] could send mail in the future to [redacted] home address and that it

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[redacted] It  
is [redacted]  
Telephone number is area code [redacted]  
He says that [redacted] is sincere and a good patriot but he is dangerous and could probably cause more trouble than an enemy agent. In an organization concerned with security it would be better to not bother with [redacted] at all. due to his nature. One example is that while visiting a [redacted]

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He discussed the AVG training program in full and explained that Phase #3, 4, 5 are no longer sent out from AVG HQ, and that all training after Phase #2 is now on the job training on a local basis. He said that as [redacted]

[redacted]  
He said that AVG is basically a guerrilla warfare organization. He feels that guerrilla warfare is all that is left for the Patriotic movement to use. All other methods of defeating the enemy within the U.S.A. are useless. He went into detail to describe the National Justice Foundation and said that it was the right wing's answer to the left wing's A.C.L.U. plus other things and was long past due to help protect the right wing.

He says that the AVG works through other organizations that are acceptable and through front groups organized by AVG. There are also support wings of AVG in many fields of guerrilla warfare and counter-guerrilla warfare.

He says that the National Justice Foundation has already won several battles in court.

He says to organize under the front called Council for Responsive Government to start the AVG [redacted]. It is to be political and that a guerrilla warfare AVG unit should be in the background and unknown to the CRG and NJF groups. The AVG is to be the enforcer behind the other two groups.

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ITEM A

## New Legal Group Plays Role in Veto

FULLERTON—Evidence developed this week that a relatively new, nationwide legal foundation played a major role in Governor Ronald Reagan's Dec. 26 decision to veto \$1.8 million in federal funds slated for the California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA) organization.

The National Justice Foundation (NJF) based in Fullerton and in Sacramento, appeared in federal district court, Sacramento, in the role of Amicus Curiae Dec. 23 in an action involving CRLA activity in the Stanislaus County (Modesto) area.

This court hearing was directly related to Reagan's decision to veto the funds on grounds that federal Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) money was being used by CRLA through "gross and deliberate violations of federal antipoverty program regulations."

Don Harris, national president of the NJF, announced this week that NJF attorney John Rakus has been in contact with state OEO head Lewis Uhler concerning the money being funneled into CRLA, and the NJF action was credited, at least in part, with creating the climate that led to Reagan's veto.

The CRLA had gone into court in order to secure a restraining order from Judge Howard McBride which would prevent the Stanislaus County grand jury from investigating their activities in the Modesto area.

After the NJF appearance as amicus curiae, and after hearing testimony from both sides of the dispute, including the Stanislaus District Attorney's office, the judge ruled against the CRLA.

Reagan's veto of the grant followed just two days later.

The veto was carried out, the governor's office reported, on the strong recommendation of Uhler, who had alleged that federal tax money was being funneled into fomenting revolutionary strife in rural areas of the state instead of being used to help the poor with their legitimate legal problems.

When Reagan vetoed the \$1.8 million federal grant to the CRLA—over the loud protests of CRLA attorneys—he stated that future legal representation for the poor will be taken care of through "a privately financed alternative to CRLA which holds enormous promise for truly serving the rural poor."

At the same time, the CRLA has attacked Uhler for his stand and has sought to rally attorneys throughout the state on their behalf.

Attorney Rakus, representing NJF, said Tuesday that the foundation will continue its activities on a stepped up scale, in an attempt to "return this nation to a constitutional republic."

In that regard, the NJF will sponsor a cocktail party for attorneys just admitted to the bar in a Sacramento hotel on Jan. 9.

The purpose of the affair is to acquaint new attorneys with the activities of the NJF and to enlist their support in combating activities by left minded attorneys and legal groups.

The national chairman of the NJF is James Townsend, Anaheim, and the national vice president is Anaheim Bulletin newsman John Steinbacher.

THE NJF and its affiliate, the California Justice Foundation (CJF), came into existence about six months ago, pledging to "hold bureaucrats accountable to the constitution of state and nation."

Since that initial Fresno meeting, a national board has been selected and the NJF has moved forward to recruit attorneys to beef up its legal staff as well as to recruit members.

**NATIONAL JUSTICE FOUNDATION  
OF AMERICA**

Help the National Justice Foundation make the government live up to its end of the bargain.

Help us restore law and order by using the Supreme Law of the Land, our Constitution, to force the lawmakers to respect and obey the "law" themselves.

In our society the people are the final constitutional authority. The National Justice Foundation is dedicated to preventing the bureaucrats from circumventing constitutional law.

When you came into this world, the only thing you had was a guarantee of liberty! No matter how much money and property you have accumulated as a direct result of that liberty, when you leave this world, the only thing you will leave behind of lasting value will be the MEMORY of what YOU did to help preserve that liberty for ALL our children.

The National Justice Foundation is the ONLY organization with the legal know-how to force the subdivisions of government to abide by the law and the Constitution.

Our legal staff is donating its services, but even with that great dedication to freedom, the expenses for filing, transcripts, depositions, research, travel, and coordinating these activities are many and almost limitless.

The National Justice Foundation is a legitimate non-profit corporation to which you can donate contributions with the same tax deductability as to the "notorious" FORD FOUNDATION or the A.C.L.U.!!!!

You can donate cash, stamps, property, stocks, bonds, etc., at full market value.

**PLEASE HELP US NOW!!!**

Send \$10, \$25, \$100 or whatever you can. It is tax deductible — both Federal and State!

The time is short, the issues are many. National Justice Foundation action will only be limited by the amount of financial help it receives!!!

We have a legal STAFF ready to challenge ALL unconstitutional activities of the bureaucratic Socialists. HELP US MAKE THEM LIVE BY THE LAW. IT CAN BE DONE!!

Mail your contribution to:

Secretary, National Justice Foundation  
1110 S. Pomona Avenue  
Fullerton, California 92632

(Clip this ad and show it to friends who may also wish to contribute. This fight belongs to YOU!!!)

**WAS / IS CEASAR CHAVEZ FUNDED BY O.E.O. ?**

\*\*\*Legal assistance in the Chavez drive appears to be furnished largely through the California Rural Legal Assistance Organization (CRLA), a group that was at one time heavily funded by the federal Office of Economic Opportunity. Louis Lucas, an Earlimart grape grower, charged recently that Chavez has seven attorneys in the Delano area who work for him on a more or less full time basis. Spokesmen for the Chavez forces in the Coachella and Imperial Valleys are also attorneys, and they seem to be on full time retainers.

See other side for the part your foundation played in this fight. Send \$10. TODAY, become a member!

## PART TWO of PHASE #2 TRAINING:

Part two of your Phase #2 training requires that you write a book report. Below is a list of books. Choose one of the mentioned books to read and write a report on. Your report must contain a minimum of 1,000 words and at least a 200 word synthesis. (total of 1,200 words minimum.)

1. Report Of The Senate Factfinding Subcommittee On Un-American Activities, FOURTEENTH REPORT IN CALIFORNIA 1967. (DELANO GRAPE STRIKE) Published by the SENATE Of The State Of California.
2. THE OCHRANA By A. T. Vassilyev, Published by J. B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia and London, Copywrite--1930
3. THE LABYRINTH By Walter Shellenberg, Published by Harper and Bros. 49 East 33rd St. New York, N. Y., Copywrite--1956
4. BACKGROUND TO BETRAYAL By Hilaire du Berrier, Published by Western Islands, 395 Concord Ave. Belmont Mass.
5. MARTIN BORMANN By James McGovern Published by Grosset & Dunlap, Inc. 51 Madison Ave. New York, N. Y. 10010.

Choose one of the above mentioned books to write your report on.

NOTE: It is most important that you include your own synthesis at the end of your book report.

## PART THREE of PHASE #2 TRAINING:

Part three of your Phase #2 training requires that you through the means of research and direct physical espionage, document the activities, associates and background of a LOCAL leftist or communist in your local community.

You must get the following information:

Date of birth. Place of birth. Full name plus any other name the person may use. A list of organizations he or she may belong to or belonged to in the past. A chronological listing of their leftist activities. An outline of the methods the person may employ. Where that person is employed. The license number of their automobile.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION  
**NATIONAL JUSTICE FOUNDATION of AMERICA**  
A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE'S NUMBER ZIP

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_ CODE \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

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\$10.00 MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION.

I hereby apply for Associate membership in the NATIONAL JUSTICE FOUNDATION OF AMERICA. I have read the Statement of Purposes of the Foundation and I agree with the Statement of Purposes and swear that I do not advocate nor am I a member of any organization which advocates the violent or "subversive" overthrow of the United States and/or the Constitution of the United States.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Witness \_\_\_\_\_

FOR OFFICE USE

Date Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_ Disposition \_\_\_\_\_ Number Assigned \_\_\_\_\_

### **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

'In a free society of men, the citizens of a State have a moral obligation to insist that their government abide by the will of the people; for, government is the servant and not the master of the people.

The National Justice Foundation believes — that in America — free men do not lose their right to free choice by establishing governments; but rather, the peoples' right to freedom of choice must remain inviolate from interference.

In America, we believe that the inalienable right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, includes the individual's right to freedom of belief and association without government interference.

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The National Justice Foundation of America seeks to promote, protect and encourage individual freedom as stated in the Bill of Rights and the Constitution of the United States of America.

Chartered under the laws of the State of California and in conformance with the regulations of the Internal Revenue Service, the National Justice Foundation of America, is a tax exempt, non-profit organization.

## MORALS

The Foundation believes that Americans have the right to determine what their moral standards should be. But there are those who think that the traditional authority of the family should be abrogated by government decree; resulting in a total disenfranchisement of the family unit. As you know, the "new moralists" freely promote sexual deviation, drug abuse, pornography, and the worship of hedonism on our campuses.

## RELIGION

The phrase "God is dead" is a slogan. But it is also the symbol of a nihilistic culture battling for the minds of men and the destruction of our religious traditions. The idea of liberal secularism today is obliterating our right to religious belief as was originally guaranteed to us by the first amendment to our Constitution.

## EDUCATION

Academicians have forgotten their primary responsibility. Liberal educators have allowed revolutionary struggle to predominate on our campuses. Parents are being falsely blamed, when in reality it is the bureaucratic judges ringing the bells of anarchy for radical teachers, causing the destruction of our educational system.



The National Justice Foundation of America, in part, will seek through its legal arm to challenge and correct these Constitutional violations wherever they may occur.

To carry out these purposes, the NJF will need broad support from the general public – and the legal profession.

The Foundation expects to derive its financial support from businessmen, organizations and individuals who not only believe in Constitutional law and order, but demand it.

Individuals interested in active membership in this Foundation may apply by contacting the Foundation's Secretary at 1110 South Pomona Avenue, Fullerton, California 92632.

Attorneys interested in serving on the NJF legal staff, should contact John Rakus at P.O. Box 19102, Sacramento, California 95819 for further information.

Applications for membership must be accompanied by \$10.00 initiation fee (which is tax deductible) and this \$10.00 will also cover membership dues for the balance of the Foundation's fiscal year (June 30). Thereafter, members will pay \$5.00 per year.



ITEM B

# PETITION

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

WHEREAS, Treason is defined in Article III, Section 3 of the Constitution of the United States as follows:

"TREASON against the United States consists only in levying wars against them, and in adhering to their enemies, giving them aid and comfort", and

WHEREAS, the courts of the United States have declared the following acts to be treasonable whether committed in the United States or not:

"The use or attempted use of any force or violence against the government of the United States, or its military or naval forces;"

"The acquisition, use or disposal of any property with knowledge that is to be used, or with intent, that it shall be of assistance to the enemy in the hostilities against the United States;

"The performance of any account or the publication of statements or information which will give or supply in any way, aid and comfort to the enemies of the United States;"

"Such acts to be treasonable, whether committed in the United States or elsewhere,"

AND WHEREAS, according to valid testimony adduced before the committee or the judiciary of the United States Senate, many acts of treason have been committed by citizens, organizations of citizens, and elements of the news media of the United States;"

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the undersigned citizens of the United States, that we respectfully petition the Congress of the United States to exert, assert its right and perform its duty to search out and legally punish those citizens engaged in the acts of treason and to outlaw such organizations which are promoting and advocating these acts of treason.

That according to statements published in the press, the following organizations are suspects of acts of treason, and should be investigated and punished and outlawed: L A R G O (Liberation Army Revolutionary Government Organization), The Socialist Workers Party, Black Panther Party, Americans for N L F Victory, Chicago Area Draft Resisters, Congress of Racial Equality, The Communist Party of the United States, The Du Bois Clubs, Socialist Scholars, Students for Democratic Society, The Young Socialist League, and numerous others.

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After filling this petition, rush it immediately to the United Anti-Communist League of America,  
P. O. Box 257, Englewood, Colorado 80110.

ITEM C

ITEM D

ROBERT WELCH  
Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

April 15, 1971

*To Some Who Are Alarmed,  
And Others Who Ought To Be:*

Since June of 1968 Canada has had as Prime Minister a Communist named Pierre-Elliott Trudeau, with a known record more blatant than that of Fidel Castro. And he is now moving rapidly and ruthlessly to make of our great northern neighbor another Cuba.

On October 24, 1970, a known and admitted Communist named Salvadore Allende was elected President of Chile. Already, through "agrarian reform" and other Communist tactics, Señor Allende is driving ahead to sovietize his country, and to make slaves of its people, with himself as the regional commissar of the international tyranny.

Since October 21, 1969 an inveterate liar, crook, traitor to his country, and lifelong Communist, named Herbert Karl Frahm, who now calls himself Willi Brandt, has been Chancellor of West Germany. And that once great bulwark of anti-Communism is now being pushed by Herr Brandt into a far-reaching collaboration with the Communists as rapidly as the mood of the German people will possibly permit.

This parade could continue for many pages. The *Insiders*, and all the arms of their gigantic Conspiracy, are now closing in on every side for the final suffocation of all freedom, the absorption of all governments, and the suppression of all resistance. The whole population of the earth is on the very edge of a greater reign of terror, and a more widespread blood bath, than the world has ever known. And the *Insiders* within our own government, my friends, are in the very vanguard of the forces that are combining and conspiring to make this holocaust a reality.

There is still at least one more election for them to hurdle. If enough brakes can be put on the bandwagon in the meantime, there will be more. And the American people have not yet reached quite such a depth of confusion, cowardice, and despair as to make it safe for the present Administration to start implementing its openly avowed Revolution with "committees of public safety" to guillotine its enemies; nor with a national police force to terrorize its opposition. But please appraise correctly the whole panorama of moves which are advancing the Revolution towards its ultimate goal.

Here are a few examples: Constantly higher "welfare" payments to more millions of the population; the spending of more tens of billions of dollars, on every conceivable excuse that can be found, to speed up the effects of inflation; a cute "revenue sharing" scheme to deprive state and local governments of their taxing power and make them dependent on handouts from Washington; a reaffirmation of "executive orders" already on the books, and of the right of the President to use these tools of tyranny on a simple declaration that an emergency exists. Other illustrations are: Almost daily gestures by high officials of our government to glorify as heroes many men, now dead, who spent their lives in working for the Conspiracy; the continuing surrender, or attempted surrender, of United States sovereignty and of the rights of United

Of course, through over optimism or incorrect information, we may have put on this list the names of some people who simply cannot afford the three thousand dollars. Or who, through the Continuing Support Clubs or other procedures, are already doing their full share — or much more — in support of our activities. If so, and you are one of them, please do not be mad. Just ignore this request altogether, or help us out to whatever extent you are able and really wish to do so — which is all we want from anybody at any time. But we never forget anything we were taught in Sunday school, especially Matthew VII, 7: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find."

Also, we are not making this plea on the basis that money and property are going out of style. It is true that, unless we win the struggle, neither your money nor your property will be worth any more in just a very few years than the bonds of the last Tsar's government of Russia are worth in the Soviet Union today. But our whole endeavor is to save a country and a system in which your property will have value, so we are certainly not predicated on the expectation of failure.

And we are not fooling. We never have been. We have no interest in running an organization like this one for fun or profit or glory. Many of us have given up for this struggle all that we wanted to do with our lives, as well as all that we owned or might have owned. We have lived through a decade of more vicious smears, more clever undermining tactics, and more massive attacks than those which destroyed the truly great but singlehanded Joe McCarthy in five years. We have done so in order to build up The John Birch Society for just this present need and purpose. That purpose is fully recognized by our Communist enemies, who will be governed accordingly. But so shall we.

We never give up, and *we never let up* — not even in asking for the financial support that we need! (Even at the wrong time of the year, because there never is a right time; and this is the right time for what we have to do.) Also, we do not change. It is our unwavering policy to tell the truth, always with restraint and compassion and common sense, but without compromise; and with a firm faith that the truth, if widely enough known and understood, will inspire and determine actions that will keep us free. Today the whole revolutionary power structure rests on a vast false foundation built over powder kegs of lies. Truth can supply the fuses that will start those kegs exploding in series until the whole Conspiracy goes up in a gigantic cloud of smoke, which the fresh winds of returning sanity and freedom will sweep off the face of the earth.

Most of you good friends who receive this letter, like tens of thousands of other wonderful Birchers, are investing a great deal of your lives in the prospect of bringing this to pass. We hope that you are willing to "invest" some more of your money as well for that same unwavering purpose. Somewhere, sometime, the conclusive turn from so much cruelty and falsehood is bound to come. And a feeling of almost incredible happiness and relief will start spreading over the whole earth, such as once pulsed through France with the news that Robespierre had been executed and the reign of terror was over. Please help us to hasten the day.

Sincerely,

*Robert Welch*

Robert Welch

Application For  
Renewal Of Membership

\_\_\_\_\_, 197

The John Birch Society  
Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

Gentlemen:

Please reinstate my membership in the Society.

I would prefer to belong to a local chapter, and hope that you can assign me to one without delay. A check for one month's dues, on that basis, is enclosed.

I prefer to belong to the Home Chapter, and my check for a year's dues, on that basis, is enclosed.

If my application is accepted, I agree that my membership may be revoked at any time, by a duly appointed officer of the Society, without the reason being stated, on refund of the pro rata part of any dues paid in advance. (This refund provision does not apply to any part of life memberships.)

Sincerely,

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_

(Address) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approved By \_\_\_\_\_

Dues Received \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Minimum Dues, Local Chapter: \$2.00 per month for men, \$1.00 for women.  
Minimum Dues, Home Chapter: \$24.00 per year for men, \$12.00 for women.  
Life Membership: One thousand dollars, in all cases.

## It's Time To Come Home

There are more than fifty thousand people who joined The John Birch Society at some time during the past twelve years who are no longer members.

An appreciable percentage of this number, of course, have simply died. And we can no longer carry anything except memories of their labor and loyalty in our records. About one thousand did not prove to be desirable members. They were asked to resign, and their names have been removed from our dormant list.

But this still leaves a very sizable number of former members who dropped out for quite a variety of reasons: (1) They felt that they could not afford the time and money required to be good Birchers; (2) they had never really acquired a sufficient understanding of the Conspiracy we oppose, nor of The John Birch Society itself; (3) they got mad, usually over some relatively trivial matter, with our local Coordinator or Section Leader or with other members, and "settled" the argument by simply resigning from the Society; (4) becoming victims of the greatest neutralizing influence which the Communists have been able to turn on those who should be the most aggressive enemies of atheistic Communism, they decided that *prayer alone* was the only answer to this scourge of Communism which God had imposed on the human race; or (5), they were swept off their feet by what seemed to them to be some quicker or more effective means of opposing or escaping the Communist menace.

We do not believe that any of these reasons have sufficient substance, under the circumstances which prevail today. The Conspirators are repeatedly showing that they have more fear of The John Birch Society (and its allies) than of any other form of opposition they now face, anywhere in the world. We are turning out literally millions of pieces of literature *every month*, which are having a visible and powerful effect in awakening the American people. Our total educational program is not only creating the understanding which *can be* transformed into political action, but that transformation began to show up in many successful campaigns last fall. And the influence of this gigantic job of education is being widely and visibly demonstrated in many other ways than through direct political activity.

We have summarized some few of our accomplishments and plans in the current "finance appeal" which is enclosed. We have been encouraged to send you both that message and this one by the fact that about one thousand of our former members returned to the fold last year on their own initiative. We should like to have a great many more come back in to help us. To make it easy for you to do so — and since we cannot use a separate sheet without doubling our postage cost — the back of this sheet has been printed as a *renewal application blank*. And we should be glad to welcome you home.

Sincerely,

*Robert Welch*

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

# God and Country participants see conspiracy in Pentagon papers

By Michael Kenney  
Globe Staff

The Vietnam expert had an embassy tea air, graying mustache, striped jacket, tie and shirt, bristly eyebrows above horn-rimmed glasses.

Yesterday, as the Ninth New England Rally for God, Family and Country opened at the Statler-Hilton, he was "really surprised" the press hadn't "jumped on the outstanding things" in the Pentagon papers.

Hilaire du Berrier puts out, from Monte Carlo, a conservatively oriented foreign affairs newsletter "HdB Reports" and is the author of "Background to Betrayal," a conservative analysis of the Vietnam war.

At the opening day press

conference, duBerrier; Col. Laurence E. Bunker of Wellesley, rally chairman; and Frank A. Capell, a writer for American Opinion, the John Birch publication, offered a conspiratorial view of the Pentagon papers.

DuBerrier described Leslie Gelb, the director of the Pentagon study, and Daniel Ellsberg, the man who admits leaking it to

the press, as "the boys feeding information into the computers."

"The answers you get out" he said, "are only as good as what you put in. When you see how unbalanced they've been, you shouldn't be surprised."

He noted that the documents refer to reports written before 1961 as "being either lost or mislaid."

"Now, that was the period when (Gen. Edward) Lansdale was creating a power vacuum in Vietnam . . . eliminating the political infrastructure . . . and Ellsberg was later a Lansdale man."

Capell, who has written on Central Intelligence Agency operations for American Opinion, joined the conversation to de-

scribe Ellsberg as "actually a CIA man."

"There's only one-and-a-half lines in his State Department biography," Capell said, catching duBerrier's eye, "and you know what that means."

Bunker, a Boston lawyer who was a longtime aide to Gen. Douglas MacArthur, mentioned that Ellsberg's father-in-law, toy manufacturer Louis Marx, was a

prominent contributor to Democratic campaigns. "The FBI," he said, "told me to stay away from him when I came back to New York with MacArthur."

DuBerrier continued his analysis.

The Pentagon papers, he thought, were "a follow-up to My Lai, something more to stir up the American people against the government in favor of a pullout."

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*This letter is one grain of sand, in  
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## A PROTEST TO THE PRESIDENT

President Richard M. Nixon  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Nixon:

**Please do not go!** The Communist regime in Peking, which you plan to visit, is not even recognized by our State Department as a legitimate government.

**There are many reasons for our plea.** Basically, we think it would be unwise on your part, and unfaithful to the American people, for you to engage in such fraternization with the most vicious, deadly, and determined enemies our nation has ever faced. But more specific reasons follow.

**You will not be showing friendship with the people of Mainland China.** On such a visit you will be doing just the opposite. You will be giving your moral support, and the prestige of *de facto* American recognition, to the most cruel tyrants in history. These brazen mass murderers are so justly hated by their enslaved victims that hundreds of thousands of these victims lose their lives, every year, in attempts to revolt against, or escape from, the incredibly foul imprisonment to which they are subjected.

**Technically, we are still at war, in Korea, with this Red Chinese Regime.** No treaty of peace has ever been signed. There are still over three hundred of our captured soldiers, neither returned nor accounted for, who have died or who still remain in the filthy prisons of these savage beasts. For they abide by no international conventions of civilized nations, nor by any of the practices at home which would entitle them to be considered a legal government. They are nothing more than a clique of Communist criminals who keep themselves enthroned by terror, torture, and other forms of utterly ruthless suppression. Why does a President of the United States want to associate with such outcasts of the political world?

**Actually, we are now at war in South Vietnam with these same Communist gangsters.** They not only supply food, arms, equipment and money to our North Vietnamese enemies, and to the Viet Cong guerrillas, but they direct, and their agents actively participate in, many of the most foul and murderous operations against the civilian population of our South Vietnamese allies. And these Red Chinese bosses of the Communist activities in Southeast Asia have openly boasted that they would supply our North Vietnamese enemies with more troops to fight us, if needed. How can you so belittle by your actions the very cause for which nearly fifty thousand young Americans have already given their lives?

**And these international criminals are most certainly engaged in war with us right now, right here on American soil.** It is a Communist-style war, of course. But, as Congressman John G. Schmitz so fully documented in a speech that filled forty-four pages of the April 21, 1971 *Congressional Record*, the Viet Cong front in the United States, constantly proclaiming its glorification of Mao Tse-tung, now constitutes a whole army of active revolutionary guerrillas in our very midst. They seek to win this war for the subjugation of the American people by the usual Communist strategy of breaking down our will to resist. Their most important weapons in this destruction of American character and undermining of American institutions are also the only exports which the Peking

butchers can offer to the world — namely lies, dope, and revolution. What on earth do we have to gain by making it easier for them to flood us with all three?

**There are now more than one billion human beings throughout the world who are living under Communist slavery.** Because of our country's once glorious history as the protagonist of freedom, these pitiful victims of massacre and betrayal have hoped and prayed that some day the great United States of America would take a sincere and earnest stand against the brutal tyranny of Communism. For any such stand would soon provide these captive peoples with the opportunity and the courage to rise and throw off their chains. But the significance of the visit you have planned will be such that all hope of freedom among the already conquered serfs of Communism will be turned into darkness and despair. For what purpose, Mr. President?

**In aiming at peace, you may be accomplishing only surrender.** As Louis Budenz pointed out many years ago, in his penetrating book, *The Cry Is Peace*, based on his personal knowledge from high within the Communist ranks, the Communists count on the appeal of peace as the most important ideological weapon for herding all the nations and all the peoples of the earth into the corral of Communism. It is partly for this reason that the *Insiders* of the Great Conspiracy, and their Communist-controlled instrumentality called the United Nations, have managed to foment so many wars, big and little since the United Nations was established in 1945 by Alger Hiss, V.M. Molotov, and (primarily) by seventeen other men of whom all but one have since been proved to have been outright Communist agents.

**All of this is well known to you, Mr. President.** You are bound to be well aware that the war in Vietnam, which you inherited, was originally planned, and has been conducted under political controls and restrictions, so that it would damage the United States, and help the Communists, in many ways. It may be that you would have found it too difficult to reverse this sinister plan. But why should you go further, and have even the peace for which the Communists have been clamoring arrived at in such a manner as so beautifully to serve Communist aims.

**This forthcoming peace will clearly betray our South Vietnamese allies — whom we promised to protect and defend — into Communist hands.** The developments now under way will clearly betray into ruin and ultimate slavery our longtime friends and allies, the Nationalist Chinese on Formosa, where Chiang Kai-shek has created such a showplace of human freedom and relative prosperity right off against the horrible cage, not even fit for the lower animals, which Mao Tse-tung and Chou En-lai have made of Mainland China. But the course obviously foreshadowed, unless the American people have the understanding and the courage to reverse it, will just as clearly lead in due course to our accepting the same kind of peace which the Communist bosses have in mind.

**Peace is very easy for any nation and any people to obtain, Mr. President, on Communist terms.** Peace has already been imposed, beyond any practicable hope of resistance, on the people of Russia, of Roumania, of Hungary, of Cuba, of North Korea and of twoscore other countries. But this kind of peace has many faces. There is the morning peace of the grave, for those who during the night have died of hunger and despair. There is the evening peace of the slaughter house, when the day's slaughtering is done. And the cold, deadly, timeless peace of the escapeless prison, after a hopeless revolt has been subdued. The Communist peace is always, everywhere, compounded of all three. Is this to be the fate of "the land of the free and the home of the brave" which our fathers bequeathed to us? This is certainly the end towards which your present steps — as guided by your un-American evil genius named Kissinger — appear to be directed.

Let's look at some of the history of your newfound friends. In 1927 the Chinese Communists, acting as guerrillas, took advantage of Chīang Kai-shek's "northern campaign" to put their machinery of terror, torture, and death into high gear. They have followed that procedure, through many ups and downs, and through all expedient twistings and turnings, ever since. In 1932 the London *Morning Post* quoted an eye-witness missionary as follows: "The outrages committed by the Red Bandits in several provinces of China during the past few years are without equal in any age . . ." And from a regular army officer: "All the horrible, most horrible particulars that could be told about this would never give a complete idea of the reality; bodies flayed, hearts torn out, insides scattered about, victims burned alive . . . not to mention the atrocities against the women." And the *Shanghai Journal* gave the record of these outrages, within two years, in Hupeh Province alone: "Persons put to death, 164,551; persons disappeared, 946,000; persons kidnapped, 78,000; homes burned, 300,000."

It is worth noting that these figures, far from being mere guesses, could have been surprisingly accurate. For the only reason you flay a man, strip off his skin and let him die in horrible agony, instead of shooting him or chopping off his head, is that you want to make widely known to other people what will happen to them if they do not fall in line. And the Chinese Communists have always made it a practice to publicize, with names and details, their executions, mass murders, and other atrocities, in order to make terror a more effective weapon in their program.

So information of this kind has always been available, for those who would take the pains to put it together. And the American Federation of Labor did so in 1952. According to its careful study, within two years after the Chinese Reds had finished taking over the mainland at the end of 1949, they had deliberately murdered fourteen million people in order to demoralize all opposition and consolidate their power. The best estimates are that since then they have murdered in cold blood *at least* twenty million more. It is also known that they have invented, and regularly used, some seventy new kinds of horrible torture, as a means of making their terror more effective in eliminating even potential resistance. Altogether, with an extremely small percentage of the population to act as executioners, terrorists, slavedrivers, wardens, and bureaucratic administrators of their gigantic prison, these tyrants have imposed on the hundreds of millions of Chinese people a combination of such ceaseless labor, famine, destitution, regimentation, misery and fear as has never been equalled for so large a number over so long a period of time in the history of the human race.

Regardless of all the early permutations of committees, positions, and titles, Mao Tse-tung has been the boss of this clique of cutthroats since 1927. He has been formally and undisputedly so since 1931. At that time General Chu Teh, in charge of Mao's "army," might have been considered the second in command. Chou En-lai was third, but next to Mao himself in all political power and controls. Within three or four years Chou had become second in all respects. Twenty-two years ago he became both Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs in this "government" by force and terror, and has remained its No. 2 man ever since. The record shows conclusively that during all of the thirty-five years from 1927 until the present time, Mao Tse-tung and Chou En-lai have been two of the most unceasingly brazen liars, viciously cruel murderers, and ruthlessly coldblooded monsters who have ever appeared in human form. Yet it is these two men with whom you are planning, as the highest official of our nation, to break bread, exchange presents, bestow honors on each other, and issue joint communiques of friendship and mutual regard. While hundreds of millions of the Chinese people writhe in agony at this bitterly foreboding spectacle. Mr. President, we ask you, respectfully and sincerely: *How can you do it?*

Finally, let us touch on the most important point of all. It seems to us that the proposed trip would be morally wrong. And therefore that it would be wrong from any point of view. For there are many millions of Americans who still believe that "morality sees further than intellect," and that moral considerations are not to be flouted for expediency. We think this visit would be wrong on your part because it would completely repudiate both the principles and the promises on which you were elected. We think it would be wrong because you would be catering to the ambitions and serving the purposes of men who have done their utmost to destroy all loyalty to God, to country, and to family. They are a part of a worldwide Conspiracy which allows no ultimate loyalty to anything except international Communism, and to the goal of a one-world Communist empire into which our country would be absorbed. They seek to destroy the entire old order of civilization, so painfully built up by our ancestors over many centuries, in order to fasten on its ruins the "new order" of their absolute, atheistic, amoral, and merciless tyranny. Why help them in any way? Especially since you were so emphatic throughout all of 1968 in your promises not to do so. We beg of you, Mr. President, with all the earnestness of which we are capable, to reconsider this decision and

Please do not go!

Sincerely and respectfully,

Names and addresses

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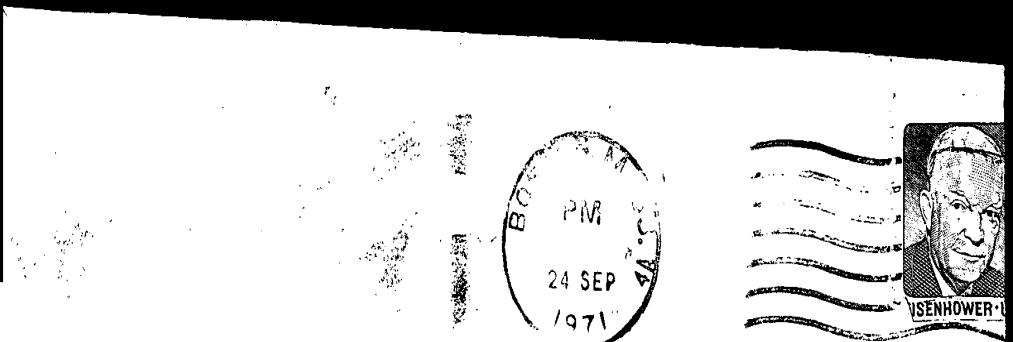
As soon as you have five signatures, with the corresponding addresses, on this letter, we suggest that you mail it at once to President Richard M. Nixon, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20500.

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## RED CHINA PUSHES DRUGS

by

William E. Dunham

### ITEM: From remarks by a State Department spokesman on June 30, 1971:

*So far as we are aware, opium is not grown legally in the People's Republic of China and none is exported by the Chinese Communist authorities.*

CORRECTION: The author of that remark, William D. Blair Jr., Acting Assistant Secretary of Public Affairs, simply is not telling the truth. Consider:

As early as December 13, 1961, Mr. Lawrence Sullivan, Coordinator of Information for the United States House of Representatives, revealed that "for the first time in human history; the systematic production and distribution of narcotic drugs has become an organized government monopoly in Red China. In 10 years, Mao Tse-tung has built up a virtual monopoly in opium, heroin and morphine."

Mr. Henry Anslinger, for many years director of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics, has reported that the Chinese Communists have maintained a *Cabinet Officer* in charge of their worldwide illegal drug operation, giving him the euphemistic title of Chief of Special Trade. Furthermore, noted Mr. Anslinger, "Spreading narcotic addiction and obtaining funds for political purposes through the sale of heroin and opium is not just the policy of one man in the Communist regime. It is the policy of the entire Communist regime in mainland China."

Even as our government officials have grown increasingly vague about this dangerous situation, it has become progressively worse. For example, the 1966 edition of *Encyclopedia Americana* notes that "there is only fragmentary evidence available concerning the situation in the mainland of China . . . but it is to be assumed that even if the production of opium is forbidden, *that country is still by far the most important producer.*" As we know, such production in Red China is in fact encouraged as a government monopoly.

On May 14, 1969, nationally syndicated columnist Phyllis Battelle discussed an interview she conducted with Ed Reid, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author and crime researcher. Miss Battelle quoted Reid as follows: "There is no question but that the youth of this country are the victims of a conspiracy. The object is to get the kids on drugs, and effectively destroy the next generation of adults." Miss Battelle went on to note: "Reid believes that Red China's Mao Tse-tung is financing cells to push the drug influence around America — and using the established transportation system of the Mafia to distribute them effectively."

The alarming rate of drug addiction among G.I.s in Vietnam is also a part of this problem. Political reporter Kevin Phillips observed in his syndicated column

of May 5, 1971: "Perhaps the Red Chinese are now smiling at us across the ping-pong table because they have successfully intervened in Vietnam. There is evidence that Peking's probable weapon — a recent massive infusion of high grade heroin to 'blow the minds of GIs' — has had devastating effects . . . Pure heroin . . . is being sold throughout Vietnam at prices far below what our well paid GIs could well afford. The motive, therefore, is not profit but addiction of GIs. Philadelphia's assistant district attorney, John Steinberg, who probed the drug scene last October as a special consultant to the Senate subcommittee to investigate juvenile delinquency, has little doubt about the source: [Communist] China." But this has not in the least slowed the Nixon Administration as it races to embrace Red China, apparently the biggest drug pusher in all history.

The magnitude of Mao's illicit drug traffic can be better understood when viewed in terms of its monetary value. In 1952, Red China's opium production was valued at \$150 million. On September 21, 1964, syndicated columnist Victor Riesel reported that Communist China's annual income from illegal drugs had risen to \$500 million. That same month the Russian Communists published an article in *Pravda* which said: "The Mao regime is the biggest producer of opium, morphine and heroin in the world . . . About half a billion dollars every year come into the hands of the recent leaders of China from the sale of illicit drugs." By 1970, according to the authoritative British *Intelligence Digest*, Communist China's annual opium crop was valued at \$800 million.

Nationally syndicated journalist Paul Scott noted on June 10, 1971, that drug production in Red China had been escalated so rapidly over the last year that at the present time various intelligence estimates, "including one circulated in Eastern Europe by the Soviet Union, put the worth of Communist China's yearly opium production in the billions of dollars. This 'death trade,' as it is known among U.S. narcotics officials, is believed to be Peking's most profitable export. Earnings from these opium sales are now being used by Communist China to purchase Western goods, especially heavy machinery, aircraft, transportation equipment and food grains" — a "death trade" encouraged, of course, by the fact that the Nixon Administration has eased trade restrictions with Red China! Mao gets his currency to "buy American" by selling heroin to our kids for American dollars . . . all, alas, courtesy of Richard Nixon!

There can be no question but that the State Department is conspiring to conceal the truth about Red China as the source of the growing drug traffic as it runs interference for President Nixon's announced visit to meet with the Maoist Cabinet in Peking. We wonder if Mr. Nixon will shake the hand of Mao's Chief of Special Trade, whose job it is to export heroin for the purpose of addicting our sons and daughters. — W.E.D. ■ ■

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your recent communication to this Office.

The FBI is strictly an investigative agency and information in our files is confidential and available for official use only. The FBI makes no evaluations or recommendations concerning the character or integrity of any organization, individual or publication.

Your interest in furnishing this information to the FBI is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

JAMES L. HANDLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

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## God, Country rally cites Benson as 'man of year'

belled "Heroin, Sabotage, Guerrillas, Subversion."

The Christian Freedom Foundation displayed a banner reading "So-called Sex Education is academic pornography, keep it out of Your Schools."

Under yards of red-white-and-blue bunting and crystal chandeliers in the Statler Hilton Hotel, the 10th Annual New England Rally for God, Family, and Country concluded last night with a dinner honoring Ezra Taft Benson as Man of the Year.

A member of the National Advisory Council of the Boy Scouts of America and the Council of Twelve of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Benson was Secretary of Agriculture under the Eisenhower Administration.

He received the award flanked by Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, and Col. Laurence E. Bunker, chief sponsor of the rally and an executive committee member of the John Birch Society.

In his acceptance speech, Benson said, "I am humble and honored to be singled out by this group of people who are doing a great service of educating the public... I am afraid we are traveling down a road leading so socialism, and the information booths at this rally are very educational about the subject."

Among those booths was the Committee for a Free China that distributed literature under a hand-drawn poster of Mao Tse-tung spewing Communist agents in a red foam la-

Meanwhile, 700 persons from 40 states and several foreign countries, including England and Australia, attended the dinner-dance in the hotel ballroom. Most of the women wore long-evening gowns and jewelry with the men attired in tuxedos and dress suits.

Earlier, they heard Gary Allen, author of None Dare Call It Conspiracy, describe what he calls "an International Conspiracy, headed by the Rockefellers and Rothschilds, to establish a One World Socialist Government through which a small clique for the super-rich would gain control over the world's natural resources, the banking industry, commerce and transportation."

Following Allen, Fr. Francis E. Fenton of the Catholic Diocese in Bridgeport, Conn. said "By and large, the churches, both in America and throughout most of the world, are today one of the most effective instruments of the Communist conspiracy."

"The Roman Catholic Church is collaborating with Communists and furthering its advance, even on the level of the Vatican," Fenton said.

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June 13th, 1972

Mr. Charles E. Weeks, Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
P. O. Box 1890,  
770 Chapel Street,  
New Haven, Conn. 06508

Dear Mr. Weeks,

Thank you for your June 12th letter, advising me that a supply of Mr. Hoover's article, "A Morality for Violence" is being sent to the above address.

At the suggestion of your office in a phone conversation today, I am clarifying a new request: July 1 - 4, at the Statler Hilton Hotel in Boston, Massachusetts, will be held the 10th Annual "New England Rally for God, Family, and Country." Three thousand conferees are expected.

On the evening of July 2nd, in the West Ballroom, will be held a tribute to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, 7 - 10 P.M. The participants will be Dan Smoot and W. Cleon Skousen, both former F.B.I. agents, also General Robert Scott and the Rev. W. O. H. Garman.

In talking with the Executive Secretary, [redacted] one of my suggestions was that reprints of some of Mr. Hoover's articles be made available to the conferees. The Rally committee would very much appreciate the opportunity to distribute Mr. Hoover's reprints to those present.

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Would it be possible to send to [redacted] the following in quantities of 1500 per reprint:

"The Interval Between" (Christianity Today - Dec. 19, 1964)

"An Analysis of the New Left - A Gospel of Nihilism"

(Christianity Today - Aug. 18, 1967)

"The Sunday School Can Lead Us Back" - (Christian Life - May 1970)

"Forward to Chaos - or the New Left In Action" -

(The Prosecutor - June 1969)

"A Study in Marxist Revolutionary Violence - Students for a Democratic Society (Fordham Law Review - 1969)

"The SDS and the High Schools - (The P.T.A. Magazine - Jan. Feb. 1970)

"A Morality for Violence"

Also four or five others that may be on hand.

cc: Boston

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June 13th, 1972

Mr. Charles E. Weeks, Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Only today did I receive by mail the Massachusetts address  
to which the reprints should be delivered.

Thank you for perusing this lengthy communication.

Mr. Hoover's concepts will continue to inspire thoughtful  
Americans, as we make his thoughts available.

Very sincerely, [Redacted]

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Re New Haven let 5/22/72 captioned as above and Bureau routing slip entitled "New reprint entitled 'A Morality for Violence'" which stated that 2000 copies of "A Morality for Violence" were attached for forwarding to [REDACTED] in response to his request.

Enclosed letter from [REDACTED] dated 6/13/72 sets out request for many more reprints for distribution at the New England Rally for God, Family, and Country, which is scheduled to be held in Boston from July 1 to July 4, 1972. [REDACTED] requests that these reprints be forwarded to [REDACTED]

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Telephonic indices check with Boston this date revealed that [REDACTED] has been active in John Birch Society activities in the Boston area.

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# Radical Right Will Hold 10th National Rally Here

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BY GORDON D. HALL

The true believers of America's radical Right will begin registering at Boston's Statler-Hilton hotel next Friday, for the tenth consecutive "God, Family and Country," July 4 weekend rally.

From 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. each day over the four-day weekend, an estimated 2,000 registrants will gather on the mezzanine floor to listen to "name" speakers, watch film strips, and purchase "patriotic" literature at 60 rally exhibit booths.

Armed with "proof" that America is virtually "controlled" by Communists in the highest councils of the federal government, the registrants will then return to cities and hamlets across the nation for 12 months of "patriotic educational and political work," before returning to Boston a year from now to repeat the cycle.

It is both tempting and easy to ignore this year's rally.

Based on the advance publicity, it appears that it will be identical to the rallies held at the same location for the past nine years.

THERE IS LITTLE chance too, that many New England newspaper readers will be taken in by the rally's high-sounding title.

It is generally known that the annual gathering is radical Rightist in composition, having been organized and dominated from its inception by the John Birch Society (JBS).

Legitimate conservative groups here like the Conservative Party of Massachusetts and the Young Americans For Freedom are not involved in any way.

It is generally known, too, that the JBS and allied movements, powerful enough eight years ago to have made extremism an issue in a presidential campaign, have been in serious decline in recent years.

There are many reasons for that decline, but the major one was the virulence and irresponsibility of the unproven charges hurled by the radical Right against a number of distinguished and loyal Americans, including the late Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy.

There are, however, a number of disturbing aspects about this year's rally.

There is, for example, the special "tribute" being paid to the late FBI director J. Edgar Hoover.

RADICAL RIGHTISTS would not have dared attempt exploitation of Hoover's cause after his death, had they not been emboldened by the growing popularity of the JBS and its allies.

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Because the "tribute" next weekend, coming as it does on the heels of savage criticism of Hoover and the FBI, is certain to be exploited and distorted by the revolutionary Communist Left, it is worth quoting at length here, a typical example of Hoover's outspoken criticism of the radical Right.

Appearing May 14, 1964 before the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy (the Warren Commission), Hoover was asked if he was aware of a JBS magazine article alleging that the slain President was "a Communist agent."

Hoover said he had read the article, then added:

"My comment on it is this in general. I think the extreme Right is just as much a danger to the freedom of this country as the extreme Left.

"There are groups, organizations, and individuals on the extreme Right who make these very violent statements, allegations that General Eisenhower was a Communist, disparaging references to the Chief Justice.

"Now, I have felt, and I have said publicly in speeches, that they are just as much a danger at either end of the spectrum. They don't deal with facts. Anybody who will allege that General Eisenhower was a Communist agent, has something wrong with him.

"I have known General Eisenhower quite well myself and I have found him to be a sound, level-headed man."

THE ADVANCE publicity on two California Congressmen,

both Republicans, scheduled to address this year's rally, is also disturbing.

Photos of John H. Rousselot and John G. Schmitz grace the slickly printed 16-page rally program, but the accompanying biographies of both Congressmen fail to mention their intimate relationship to the radical Right, and to the JBS in particular.

Rousselot, presently representing California's 24th Congressional District, was, throughout much of the sixties, an active member and the full-time public relations director of the JBS.

Congressman Schmitz, who serves, of all places, on the House Committee on Internal Security, formerly the Committee on Un-American Activities, is an active, dues paying JBS member.

He delivered the main address at the group's 13th birthday party held in the Grand Ballroom of the New York Hilton Hotel last December 3.

He also wrote the foreword to the new JBS "best-seller" called "Nixon Dare Call It Conspiracy," written by fellow-Californian and JBS activist Gary Allen.

The book is aimed primarily at President Nixon whom Allen believes is a tool of an "international conspiracy."

Writing in the current issue of the Bulletin, a 32-page monthly circulated to the entire membership, JBS founder-director Robert Welch stated that his organization has already

Welch is hopeful that a mass circulation of the book will sell a million and a half copies of the Allen book.

The President is certain to be the rally scapegoat this damage the President's chances next fall.

Despised by the extreme Right from the outset of his Presidency, Nixon has brought that entire orbit close to apoplexy following his visits to Communist China and Soviet Union.

Their baiting of him is now at fever pitch and will be most apparent at the weekend.

Here are a few samples of Nixon-phobia from this month's JBS Bulletin:

"Richard Nixon, Henry Kissinger, and all of their fellow Insiders ~~are~~ <sup>right</sup> now rapidly taking drastic steps to merge the American people with the Russian people, the Cuban people, the Chinese people, and hundreds of millions more, into abject slavery under a worldwide tyranny exactly like the one which already prevails in the countries mentioned."

"While within this oligarchy, eternally scheming, politicking among Communist viceroys and other Insiders all over the planet, and driving with almost infinite cunning, ruthlessness, and determination, in order to emerge as the first dictator of the whole human race, are Richard Nixon and heaven only knows who else."

Some of the 14 JBS members running as candidates for Congressional seats next fall are planning to attend the rally to shake hands and drum up campaign support.

JBS LITERATURE is plugging these campaign efforts, and is encouraging support for Governor Wallace's efforts "to tell the American people the truth about the Conspiracy."

"Name" speakers this year in addition to Rousselot and Schmitz, include best-selling novelist Taylor Caldwell, Georgia Lt.-Governor Lester Maddox, and Ezra Taft Benson, Secretary of Agriculture under President Eisenhower.

All three have long been closely identified with the JBS.

The radical Right may presently be little more than a politically futile and curious amalgam of crank economic theorists, a declining number of retired military figures, bizarre and rigid religious fundamentalists, and otherwise well-intentioned but utterly naive little ladies in tennis shoes willing to believe anything as long as it is cloaked in anti-Communism.

But any extremist movement capable of filling a large hotel over a long holiday weekend with speeches from two Congressmen, a former Cabinet member, a Georgia official, and a famous best-selling novelist, cannot be ignored entirely, however advanced and desperate its own pathology.

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ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE  
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SUBJECT: REPORT AND ANALYSIS OF THE 10th ANNUAL GOD & COUNTRY RALLY  
Statler-Hilton Hotel, Boston, Mass., July 1-4, 1972

FROM: Iz Zack, Civil Rights Director, New England Regional Office  
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith

The 10th annual God & Country Rally held at the Statler-Hilton Hotel in Boston July 1-4 failed to attain the goals set by its sponsors despite major support from the John Birch Society. Advance releases issued by the rally committee predicted a turn-out of 3000 delegates but only about 1000 registered over the four-day period. Attendance was down at all the major speaking sessions; the annual awards dinner which this year honored Ezra Taft Benson and side events promoted by the rally such as youth rallies, film previews, rap sessions with featured rally speakers and entertainment events.

The only one of the 60 exhibitors which sold literature in any noticeable quantity was The John Birch Society which had a massive exhibit in the Stanbro Room covering all of the major publications produced by JBS and its Western Island and American Opinion publishers.

Out of state representation far outnumbered New England delegates with New Jersey, Indiana, Florida and Illinois leading the way. Fifteen of the 60 exhibitors are tied to the John Birch Society. Despite a disclaimer by Col. Laurence E. Bunker of Wellesley, the rally chairman, that the rally was not run by The John Birch Society, the list of 40 sponsors have been identified as members of JBS; key speakers were either officials or members of the JBS and the staff of the Belmont, Mass., national headquarters of the Society were very much in evidence during the rally led by Robert Welch, founder of the JBS.

As part of our counteraction, the Anti-Defamation League and Jewish Community Council of Boston planned an exposé release which would inform the public that the rally was a gathering of political extremists and not a meeting of legitimate, patriotic organizations. Our strategy was to show that some of the key participants used the weapon of bigotry in an attempt to destroy the institutions of democracy. The Jewish agencies released a statement to press, radio and TV news outlets for publication on July 2 charging that "None Dare Call It Conspiracy", an anti-Semitic book, was being sold at the rally. The paperback book by Gary Allen, a contributing editor of the Birch-sponsored American Opinion magazine, has been analyzed by the Anti-Defamation League as a 141-page political polemic that parades as "history", and that seeks to "prove" the "conspiracy theory" of American history promulgated by Robert Welch. The statement charged that the book is saturated with anti-Semitism of the kind disseminated by Jew-baiting propagandists for more than 50 years. In the book Allen revives outworn and long-discredited charges taken from anti-Semitic tracts whose major targets were Jewish "international bankers" and Jews prominent in the mass communications media.

In one of his chapters Allen talks about "Money Manipulators" and blames wars and depressions on the deliberate manipulations of the "international bankers." The Rothschilds, Schiffs and Warburgs, and the firm of Kuhn, Loeb and Co. are among the Jewish bankers depicted as some of the most powerful and prominent of the alleged evil-doers.

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In still another chapter, Allen exhumes old anti-Semitic charges that the Federal Reserve System, established in 1913, was a scheme of international bankers, led by Paul Warburg of Kuhn, Loeb and Co., to gain control of the nation's economy. The ADL, in a recent analysis of the Allen book, pointed out that it is the view of many Jew-baiting propagandists of five decades, dating back to the Dearborn Independent, that this scheme is part of the alleged Jewish plan for world control said to be "documented" by the spurious Protocols of the Elders of Zion.

There was immediate denial from the rally sponsors led by Col. Bunker who claimed that the Jewish agencies were making the charge of anti-Semitism "just to get publicity." As more and more newspapers and radio reports quoted the release from the Jewish agencies, Bunker produced a member of the Jewish Right who told the press that the charges against "None Dare Call It Conspiracy" were "absurd." (Note: The ADL identified the Jewish Right as a small and ineffective group of Jewish conservatives with less than 100 members nationally. They are an off-shoot of the Jewish Society of Americanists originally sponsored by The John Birch Society. Their booth at the rally was manned by Stanley Chatkin of Forest Hills, New York).

Later on in the rally, Congressman John G. Schmitz of California, who wrote the foreword to the book, spoke out against the charge of anti-Semitism and read excerpts from a letter he had written to the ADL in Los Angeles denouncing the attack. Gary Allen, the author, had the feature spot on the four-day program speaking at the closing afternoon session and although his subject was "None Dare Call It Conspiracy", Allen, who spoke for 90 minutes, did not spend any time at all in outlining or expanding on the themes of his book. He used the platform to laud certain leaders of the radical right movement, to attack his enemies and those who had called his book anti-Semitic and to call for a massive distribution of his book. Allen indicated that the attack on his book came from 3 sources -- the New York Times, the ADL and Tass, the Communist News Agency. During the course of his remarks, Allen revealed that 125,000 copies of "None Dare Call It Conspiracy" were distributed in New Hampshire previous to the primary there through the efforts of The John Birch Society.

Observers who made a careful study of the literature being sold by the various exhibitors at the rally noted that "None Dare Call It Conspiracy" was not the only anti-Semitic book on display. At the Liberty Lobby booth two pamphlets written by Joe Kamp of New Fairfield, Connecticut, a notorious anti-Semite, were on display in large quantities. Another anti-Semitic book on sale was "Karl Marx Capitalist" by June Grem and published by Enterprise Publications, Inc., of Oak Park, Illinois.

A show of Birch strength and participation at the rally was obvious at the opening session which featured a panel by "The Right Journalists" for which the Birchers produced 17 major contributors and editors of American Opinion magazine and the Review of the News, two major Birch publications. Included in this opening blast from right wing journalists were such well known individuals as Dan Smoot, Gary Allen, Frank A. Capell, Congressman John G. Schmitz, and Taylor Caldwell. Among the 17 panelists was one black, George S. Schuyler, an important right wing voice in the black community, and Alan Stang, a prominent Birch author who is Jewish. These 17 spokesmen covered the entire list of subjects of interest to the right wing community discussing the ills in American society and the evidence of an international conspiracy:

United Nations...developing into a world Socialist dictatorship with control resting in the hands of international communism.

Fluoridation...the purpose of fluoridation is not to improve teeth but to improve obedience to the government.

War on poverty...Smoot charged that the anti-poverty program lawyers are radical left activists who want to destroy the country.

\*Spending on Human Resources...Congressman John H. Rousselot of California, former Birch Society Public Relations director, called for abolition of the huge budget allotted to H.E.W.

Heroin...Rep. John G. Schmitz of California charged that Red China is the primary heroin source and that Kissinger advised President Nixon not to talk about the heroin problem when he visited Red China.

State Dept...riddled by Communist agents, according to Frank A. Capell.

Civil Rights...a Communist conspiracy, according to Charles Smith of Santa Barbara, California, a black man who lectures for the Birch dominated American Opinion Speakers Bureau.

Death penalty...urged support of it.

Gun control...against it.

Federal revenue sharing...against it.

DDT...urged continued use of it.

Other highlights of the rally include a tribute to the late J. Edgar Hoover of the FBI which was carried out despite the fact that Hoover had spoken out against right wing extremists when he was alive. Gov. Lester Maddox of Georgia failed to appear for his scheduled July 3rd appearance because of "illness in the family" and he was replaced by a black speaker, Charles Smith of Santa Barbara, California, publisher of the Watts Newsletter in Los Angeles. He talked as though there was no press in the hall as he referred to John Kennedy, Robert Kennedy and Rev. Martin Luther King as "bleeding heart liberals" and "three of the most vicious thugs whoever lived." This remark brought thunderous applause from the audience which enjoyed his evaluation coming from a black man who went on to propose "the Charlie Smith solution for the United Nations" which he described as follows: "Get ten sticks of dynamite and start digging under the East River; then the U.N. building will fall down and smash the National Council of Churches building, too." Smith also suggested that Pres. Nixon "should be President of Communist China" and Sen. George McGovern "ought to be queen."

In previous years, retired military figures played a major role at the rally but this year only one important spokesman appeared in the person of Gen. Clyde J. Watts of Oklahoma speaking on "Turmoil in Asia". Gen. Watts said that America's "credibility in Asia has suffered as a result of the U.S. policies in the Far East and South East Asia." Several hours after delivering his address to the rally, Gen. Watts was served with a civil writ and summons charging him with assault and battery in connection with a fracas at last year's rally when a black WNAC-TV cameraman working at the rally was assaulted.

Robert Welch of Belmont, Mass., continues to be the most important symbol and leader of the radical right movement. His brief appearance at the rally where he introduced Congressman John G. Schmitz, who spoke on July 2, brought him a standing ovation and wild applause. He made the important announcement of the appointment of Congressman Schmitz to the National Council of The John Birch Society. The John Birch Society rushed publication of its July 1972 Bulletin so that it could be sold at the rally. It contains an open letter from Welch to Congressman Schmitz and supplies the reader with Welch's opinions on why Congressman Schmitz was defeated for reelection in the recent California primary. Another important Birch publication which was produced on time for mass sale at this rally was the Scoreboard Issue for 1972 of American Opinion magazine, the annual analysis by the Birch Society on the growth of Communist influence in the world.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-32899) (C)  
(ATTN: SUPV. BERNARD T. MC CABE)

DATE: 12/7/73

FROM : SUPV. [redacted]

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

[redacted] John Birch Society, Concord Ave., Cambridge, Mass., telephone 489-0600, telephonically advised writer on 12/3/73 that he was in receipt of information from [redacted] to a news clipping which appeared in the Brooks County Currier Times of Pa. on 12/2/73. According to [redacted] located in Section D, Page 9 of this newspaper was an article relative to "Support Your Local Police Program". [redacted] quoted a statement from this article which allegedly read, "It is ironic that the John Birch Society now figures prominently on the FBI's list of subversive groups".

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[redacted] was advised by writer that the FBI does not maintain a "list of subversive groups"; however, it was a function of the Department of Justice to maintain a list of recognized subversive organizations, and any information from this list would have to be obtained from the Department of Justice in Washington, DC. [redacted] further advised that it would be presumptuous for any representative of the FBI to comment on any article appearing in a newspaper, not having had an opportunity to review such an article before hand. [redacted] advised that he would obtain this article and gladly forward it to the Boston Office of the FBI for review.

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The above memo is being submitted in the event  
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It should be mentioned that [redacted] approach  
was a friendly one, and that he offered his own opinion  
that he did not believe that such a statement was correct  
since he felt the FBI would not issue such a statement,  
that is, the John Birch Society is listed among the  
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# Memorandum

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FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-144) (C)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
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DATE: 8/28/74

Although it is recognized that the Bureau does not investigate captioned group, the following information was received from Sheriff MIKE CANLIS (NA), San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office, Stockton, California, which may be of interest to the Boston and New York Offices:

He was recently contacted by a [redacted] who identified [redacted] "The Review of the News" magazine. She was accompanied by an alleged former New York City Detective, age about 45, 6' 5", 300 pounds, who [redacted] and who used the name of [redacted] said she also was employed as a [redacted] in New York City.

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The article has now appeared in the above magazine, and the thrust of the article is critical of the Sheriff's Office in claiming that CANLIS' department is too liberal, etc.

CANLIS noted the above magazine, published by Correction Please!, Inc., 395 Concord, Belmont, Massachusetts, shares the same address and phone number of the John Birch Society, according to the telephone information operator.

Above being furnished for information of Boston and New York City.

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